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J. H. AMIS, Secretary,
DUCKTOWN, TENN.



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Sessions of the Conferences of the M. E. Church in the "Holston Country."

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1800	Oct. 6	Bethel Academy, Ky	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1801	Oct. 1	Ebenezer, Tenn	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1802	Oct. 1	Bethel Academy, Ky	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1803	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizim, Ky..	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1804	Oct. 2	Mount Gerizim, Ky..	Wm. McKendree	William Burk.
1805	Oct. 2	Anthony Houston, "	{ Fran'is Asbury Rich. Whatecoat	William Burk.
1806	Sept. 15	Ebenezer, Tenn.....	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1807	Sept. 14	Chillicothe, Ohio.....	Francis Asbury..	William Burk.
1808	Oct. 1	Liberty Hill, Tenn...	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	William Burk.
1809	Sept. 30	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	William Burk.
1810	Sept. 6	Shelbyville, Ky.....	Wm. McKendree	William Burk.
1811	Oct. 5	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Wm. McKendree	Lea'r. Blackburn

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

1812	Nov. 12	Fountain Head, Ten.	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	William B. Elgin
1813	Oct. 1	Rees' Chapel, Tenn ..	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	William B. Elgin
1814	Sept. 29	Kennerly's Ky.....	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1815	Oct. 20	Bethlehem, Tenn.....	{ Fran'is Asbury W. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1816	Oct. 23	Franklin, Tenn.....	Wm. McKendree	Thos. L. Douglass
1817	Oct. 30	Franklin, Tenn.....	*T. L. Douglass ..	Hardy M. Cryer.
1818	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn.....	{ W. McKendree Enoch George..	Chas. Holliday.
1819	Oct. 1	Nashville, Tenn.....	{ W. McKendree Enoch George..	Chas. Holliday.
1820	Oct. 4	Hopkinsville, Ky.....	*Marcus Lindsey	Chas. Holliday.
1821	Nov. 7	Norvell's Camp G'nd	{ W. McKendree Rob. R. Roberts	Thos. L. Douglass
1822	Oct. 16	Ebenezer, Tenn.....	Enoch George.....	Thos. L. Douglass
1823	Nov. 26	Huntsville, Ala	{ W. McKendree Enoch George..	Thos. L. Douglass

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

1824	Nov. 27	Knoxville, Tenn.....	Robt. R. Roberts	John Tevis.
1825	Oct. 20	Jonesboro, Tenn.....	{ Rob. R. Roberts Joshua Soule...	Thos. Stringfield
1826	Nov. 2	Abingdon, Va.....	Joshua Soule.....	Thos. Stringfield
1827	Nov. 1	Knoxville, Tenn.....	Robt. R. Roberts	Elbert F. Sevier.
1828	Nov. 14	Jonesboro, Tenn.....	Joshua Soule.....	Elbert F. Sevier.
1829	Dec. 24	Abingdon, Va.....	Joshua Soule.....	Elbert F. Sevier.
1830	Nov. 4	Ebenezer, Tenn.....	{ W. McKendree Joshua Soule...	Elbert F. Sevier.
1831	Nov. 10	Athens, Tenn.....	Elijah Hedding..	Elbert F. Sevier.
1832	Nov. 15	Evensham, Va.....	John Emory.....	Thos. Stringfield
1833	Oct. 16	Kingsport, Tenn.....	Robt. R. Roberts	Lew. S. Marshall
1834	Oct. 8	Knoxville, Tenn.....	*John Henniger..	Lew. S. Marshall
1835	Oct. 7	Abingdon, Va.....	James O. Andrew	Lew. S. Marshall
1836	Oct. 2	Madisonville, Tenn..	Thos. A. Morris..	Lew. S. Marshall

HOLSTON CONFERENCE—Continued.

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1837	Oct. 18	Reem's Creek, N. C..	James O. Andrew	Lew. S. Marshall
1838	Nov. 13	Wytheville, Va.....	James O. Andrew	Lew. S. Marshall
1839	Oct. 13	Greeneville, Tenn....	*Thos. K. Catlett	D. R. McNally.
1840	Nov. 11	LaFayette, Ga.....	Thos. A. Morris	Elbert F. Sevier.
1841	Oct. 6	Rogersville, Tenn....	*Samuel Patton..	Elbert F. Sevier.
1842	Oct. 5	Knoxville, Tenn.....	Beverly Waugh..	Elbert F. Sevier.
1843	Oct. 4	Abingdon, Va.....	Thos. A. Morris.	Elbert F. Sevier.
1844	Oct. 9	Reem's Creek, N. C..	Edmund S. Janes	Elbert F. Sevier.

Holston Conference Reorganized.

1865	June 1	Athens...	D. W. Clark.....	John F. Spence.
1866	May 17	Greeneville.....	D. W. Clark.....	John F. Spence.
1867	Oct. 3	Knoxville	C. Kingsley.....	John F. Spence.
1868	Oct. 8	Chattanooga.....	D. W. Clark.....	John F. Spence.
1869	Oct. 7	Jonesboro..	M. Simpson	John F. Spence.
1870	Oct. 3	Knoxville.	L. Scott.....	John J. Manker.
1871	Oct. 11	Greeneville.....	L. Scott.....	John J. Manker.
1872	Oct. 2	Cleveland..	S. M. Merrill.....	John J. Manker.
1873	Oct. 1	Knoxville.	G. Haven.....	John J. Manker.
1874	Sept. 30	Chattanooga.....	E. G. Andrews...	John J. Manker.
1875	Sept. 29	Greeneville.....	T. Bowman.....	John J. Manker.
1876	Oct. 4	Kingston.....	L. Scott.....	John J. Manker.
1877	Sept. 27	Knoxville.	W. L. Harris.....	John J. Manker.
1878	Oct. 2	New Market.....	L. Scott.....	John J. Manker.
1879	Oct. 15	Knoxville.	L. W. Wiley.....	John J. Manker.
1880	Oct. 20	Greeneville.....	E. O. Haven.....	Jas. D. Roberson
1881	Oct. 20	Maryville.....	E. G. Andrews...	Judson S. Hill.
1882	Oct. 19	Chattanooga.....	M. Simpson.....	Judson S. Hill.
1883	Oct. 17	Knoxville	T. Bowman.....	Judson S. Hill.
1884	Oct. 16	Greeneville..	H. W. Warren...	Thos. B. Russell.
1885	Oct. 15	Johnson City.....	J. F. Hurst.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1886	Oct. 20	Athens...	W. F. Mallalieu..	Thos. B. Russell.
1887	Oct. 12	Knoxville.	E. G. Andrews...	Thos. B. Russell.
1888	Oct. 10	Cleveland	J. N. Fitzgerald..	Thos. B. Russell.
1889	Oct. 9	Dayton	I. W. Joyce.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1890	Oct. 8	Greeneville	J. M. Walden.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1891	Oct. 21	Chattanooga.....	W. X. Ninde.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1892	Oct. 5	Morristown.....	C. D. Foss.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1893	Oct. 17	Maryville.....	S. M. Merrill.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1894	Oct. 17	Johnson City.....	R. S. Foster.....	Thos. B. Russell.
1895	Oct. 9	Knoxville	D. A. Goodsell....	Thos. B. Russell.
1896	Sept. 30	Newport	W. F. Mallalieu..	James H. Amis.
1897	Sept. 23	Athens	E. G. Andrews...	James H. Amis.
1898	Oct. 13	Elizabethton.....	J. H. Vincent.....	James H. Amis.
1899	Oct. 11	Cleveland	C. D. Foss.....	James H. Amis.
1900	Oct. 3	Chattanooga.....	D. A. Goodsell....	James H. Amis.
1901	Oct. 9	Morristown.....	J. W. Hamilton..	James H. Amis.
1902	Oct. 2	Maryville.....	J. M. Walden.....	James H. Amis.
1903	Sept. 23	Knoxville.....	I. W. Joyce.....	James H. Amis.

*Elders elected to preside in the absence of a Bishop.

In 1844 the great division occurred, and in 1845 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The Holston Conference passed under the supervision of the new church. But after a lapse of twenty years the Holston Conference was reorganized, 1865, in Athens, Tenn., under the presidency of Bishop Davis W. Clark.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAME	POSTOFFICE	NAME	POSTOFFICE
Amis, J. H.....	Ducktown	Jones, J. S.....	Sevierville
Ayres, R. O.....	Athens	Jones, J. T.....	Johnson City
Angel, S. P.....	Whitwell	Julian, Geo.....	Cleveland
Baker, J. A.....	Lonsdale	Ketron, S. G....	Bloomingdale
Baker, J. N.....	Fall Branch	Ketron, A. C.....	Fall Branch
Bales, G. S....	Mountain City	Kinsland, Wm.....	Joppa
Bandy, W. S.....	Greeneville	Lawson, J. D...Wear's Valley	
Best, J. S.....	Burrville	Lawson, D. T.....	Diaz
Boling, J. W.....	Crossville	Little, J. B.....	Wellspring
Brown, T. W....	Morristown	Long, W. R.....	Grady
Bruner, M. C....	Elizabethton	Lowe, S. V.....	Oneida
Brackney, W. S...	Parrottsville	Manker, J. J.....	Chattanooga
Burnett, J. S.....	Chattanooga	Martin, B. M.....	Maryville
Beaman, A. S.....	Knoxville	McGee, J. W.....	Knoxville
Byrd, G. T.....	Rockwood	McKenzie, H. W.,	Maynardv'lle
Browne, A. E..Lone Mountain		McKenzie, A. B...	Chucky City
Cadle, A. G.....	Wellspring	Melear, J. M.....	Knoxville
Caldwell, L. B....	Greeneville	Miller, C. W.....	Wellspring
Cardwell, J. L.....	Igo	Miller, W. C.....	Athens
Cardwell, J. W....	Lenoir City	Miller, I. H.....	Clinton
Cass, T. A.....	Athens	Monroe, M. H.....	Manila
Clendenen, G. W. Thorn Grove		Murphy, A. J.....	New Salem
Chase, T. G.....	Kingston	Murphy, M. P.....	Retro
Coleman, G. W.....	Cleveland	Morse, G. E.....	Loudon
Cones, F. M.....	Chucky City	Matney, G. W.....	Jonesboro
Cooke, R. J.....	Athens	Mitchell, J. A.....	Jasper
Cox, G. B.....	Baileyton	Newcomb, G. T...	Chattanooga
Crist, B.....	Athens	Ogle, H. B.....	Rutledge
Casstevens, C. F....	Graysville	Oaks, Hazen.....	LaFollette
Durham, J. M.....	Knoxville	Omohundro, Erwin S.,	Pittsb'g
Emert, J. M.....	Knoxville	Paul, G. W.....	Daisy
Francisco, G. T..Johnson City		Perry, J. F.....	Maggie
Ferguson, E. C.....	Athens	Petty, J. S.....	Morristown
Freeman, Luther..Chattanooga		Peters, A. C.....	Burrville
Foster, U. A.....	Jellico	Pile, D. G.....	Newport
Grant, W. S.....	Athens	Pitts, W. F.....	Knoxville
Hall C. M.....	Knoxville	Pippin, E. M.....	Ebenezer
Harmon, J. C.....	Clinton	Robertson, R. C...	Pigeonforge
Henry, P. H.....	Maryville	Reed, P. H.....	Gravely
Hodge, J. C.....	Baileyton	Roberson, J. D.....	Cleveland
Hodge, T. H.....	Piney Flats	Robinette, J. J.....	Athens
Hooper, W. W.....	Athens	Rose, A. M.....	Maryville
Hyden, S. W.....	Maryville	Rowan, G. R.....	Greeneville
Hunter, C. F.....	Knoxville	Ruble, J. A.....	Johnson City

NAME	POSTOFFICE	NAME	POSTOFFICE
Rule, M. A.....	Knoxville	Stapleton, R. L.....	Morristown
Russell, T. B.....	Johnson City	Stansell, R. B.....	Chattanooga
Roe, T. D.....	Alton Park	Walker, T. S.....	Dandridge
Seaton, J. B.....	Bank	Walker, Robert	Harriman
Senter, W. T.....	Morristown	West, T. R.....	Athens
Spence, J. F.....	Knoxville	Wheeler, W. C.....	Dayton
Snavely, A. Y.....	Wellspring	Wyatt, C. C.....	
Stout, G. M.....	Andersonville	Ware, J. T.....	Little River
Strange, J. S.....	Asbury	VanFossen, H. J.	Highland Pk.
Simond, R. A.....	Chattanooga		

PROBATIONERS.

Ayres, R. E.....	Tuckaleechee	Gibbs, Bernard.....	Hill City
Ausmus, D. M....	Chattanooga	Hawk, H. M.....	Chatata
Branam, E. R....	Chestnut Hill	Jones, A. P.....	Spring City
Clark, L. B.....	Oliver Springs	Mahoney, C. A.....	Athens
Carey, F. H.....	Athens	Sanders, John.....	Pikeville
Conner, T. H.,	Morgan Springs	Reynolds, F. M....	Chattanooga
Fraker, T. F. M.....	Watauga	Weidler, R. C.....	Ridgedale

**THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,****Held in Knoxville, Tenn., September 23-28, 1903.**

BISHOP I. W. JOYCE, PRESIDING.**J. H. AMIS, DUCKTOWN, SECRETARY.**

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? Geo. T. Byrd, Georgia Conference; Eli M. Pippin, Virginia Conference; A. S. Beaman, Blue Ridge Conference; Geo. W. Matney, Blue Ridge Conference; John T. Jones, Indiana Conference; Chas. F. Hunter, Atlantic, Miss., Conference; Robert B. Stansell, Alabama Conference; Jos. T. Ware, Georgia Conference; C. F. Casstevens, Blue Ridge Conference; J. A. Mitchell, Des Moines Conference; U. A. Foster, Northern Minnesota Conference; H. J. Van Fossen, Northern Minnesota Conference.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? Robert C. Robertson, from the United Brethren Church.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of First Year: Roy C. Weidler, David M. Ausmus, Francis M. Reynolds, Luther B. Clark, Thos. F. M. Fraker, Eli R. Branam, Frank H. Carey, Carl A. Mahoney.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of First Year: Bernard Gibbs. (b) In studies of Second Year: Henry M. Hawk, Thomas H. Conner, Alva P. Jones, John Sanders, Robert E. Ayres.

6. Who have been discontinued? A. C. Vaughn.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership?
(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year: Michael P. Murphy, David T. Lawson, Asa E. Browne.

8. What members are in studies of Third Year?
(a) Admitted into full membership this year: Michael P.

Murphy, David J. Lawson, Asa E. Browne. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: Geo. W. Matney.

9. What members are in studies of Fourth Year? Andrew J. Murphy, Thomas D. Roe, Sam P. Angel, Geo. S. Bales, Erwin Omohundro.

10. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year: James W. Boling, Albert C. Ketron, Robert L. Stapleton, Elisha M. Pippin, Geo. E. Morse.

11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers: James M. Taylor, Benjamin C. Taylor, Luther Clear, David M. Ausmus, Luther B. Clark.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

13. Was the character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? None.

15. Who have died? P. H. Scarborough.

16. Who have been located at their own request? None.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? E. H. McLaughlin.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? Geo. W. Sliger as Elder from the United Brethren Church; W. B. Williams as Deacon from the M. E. Church, South; Wm. M. Duncan as Elder from the Missionary Baptist Church.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? T. B. Russell, C. C. Wyatt, G. R. Rowan, W. R. Byerly, J. F. Spence, T. H. Hodge, M. A. Rule.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? R. O.

Ayres, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, G. W. Coleman, Benj. Crist, P. H. Henry, S. W. Hyden, J. H. Jennings, Geo. Julian, Wm. Kinsland, J. D. Lawson, J. B. Little, W. R. Long, P. H. Reed, J. B. Seaton, G. M. Stout, W. T. Senter.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? J. J. Robinette, T. R. West, L. B. Caldwell, T. W. Brown, W. C. Wheeler, J. M. Durham, J. F. Perry.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? See tabulated statement.

26. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$25,421.00.

27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? \$1,500.00.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$1,535.

29. Where are the Preachers stationed?

ATHENS DISTRICT.

W. C. MILLER, Presiding Elder.
P. O., Athens, Tenn.
Apalachia, to be supplied by
.....J. F. M. Duggan
Athens.....J. J. Robinette
Athens Circuit....W. S. Grant
Chatata.....H. M. Hawk
Cleveland.....J. D. Roberson
Cleveland Circuit, to be sup-
plied by.....A. J. Haynes
Decatur.....J. F. Perry
Ducktown.....J. H. Amis
Ebenezer.....E. M. Pippin
Erie.....To be supplied
Friendsville....J. W. Cardwell
Kingston.....T. G. Chase
Loudon.....George E. Morse
Madisonville....M. H. Monroe
Maryville.....B. M. Martin
Maryville Circuit..A. M. Rose
Tellico Plains..To be supplied
(P. O., Athens.)
Wildwood.....To be supplied

CHATTANOOGA DIS- TRICT.

J. S. BURNETT, Presiding Elder.
P. O., Chattanooga, Tenn.
Big Lick.....To be supplied
Chattanooga—
Alton Park.....T. D. Rowe
Avondale, supplied by.....
.....A. L. Johnson
Epworth....D. M. Ausmus
First Ch....Luther Freeman
Highland Park.....
.....H. J. Van Fossen
Hill City.....Bernard Gibbs
Ridgedale.....R. C. Weidler
St. James...Roy A. Simonds
Sherman Heights, to be
supplied by..J. R. Thomas
Cumberland....To be supplied
Crossville.....J. W. Boling
Daisy.....G. W. Paul
Dayton and Vinegrove.....
.....W. C. Wheeler
Fairmount.....To be supplied
Graysville....C. F. Casstevens

Isolene.....To be supplied
 Jasper.....J. A. Mitchell
 Morgan Springs T. H. Conner
 PikevilleJohn Sanders
 Retro.....M. P. Murphy
 Rockwood.....G. T. Byrd
 South Pittsburg.....
 Erwin Omohundro
 Spring City.....A. P. Jones
 Tracy City.....To be supplied
 Whitwell.....S. P. Angel

CLINTON DISTRICT.

I. H. MILLER, Presiding Elder.
 P. O., Clinton, Tenn.
 Andersonville, to be supplied
 by....Benjamin C. Taylor
 Big Valley.....A. E. Browne
 Burrville.....J. S. Best
 Clinton.....J. C. Harmon
 Elk Valley, to be supplied by
 C. L. Poulstion
 Harriman.....Robert Walker
 Jacksboro.....A. Y. Snavely
 Jellico.....U. A. Foster
 Jellico Circuit, to be supplied
 by.....W. F. Hammonds
 LaFolletteHazen Oaks
 Liberty.....F. M. Hinds
 Maynardville H. W. McKenzie
 Minersville, supplied by.....
 Alfred Carroll

Mingo.....C. W. Miller
 Newcomb.....T. R. West
 Oliver Springs Luther B. Clark
 Oneida.....S. V. Lowe
 Petros.....To be supplied
 Rutledge.....
 J. M. Durham, H. B. Ogle
 Scarboro, to be supplied by..
 Luther Clear
 Sneedville, to be supplied by
 Samuel Sproles
 Sunbright, to be supplied by
 W. L. Oliver
 Tazewell.....A. H. Gragg
 Wellspring.....A. G. Cadle

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. T. FRANCISCO, P. E.
 P. O., Johnson City, Tenn.

Bloomingdale....S. G. Ketron
 Butler, supplied by....A. Bunn
 Chuckey City..A. B. McKenzie
 Elizabethton.....M. C. Bruner
 Fallbranch.....A. C. Ketron
 Johnson City....John T. Jones
 Johnson City Circuit, to be
 supplied by James Osborne
 Greeneville.....L. B. Caldwell
 Greeneville Circuit.....
 W. S. Bandy
 Jonesboro.....G. W. Matney
 Mountain City.....G. S. Bales
 Oakland.....G. B. Cox
 Parrottsville...W. S. Brackney
 Rogersville.....T. W. Brown
 Surgeonsville....D. T. Lawson
 Watauga.....T. F. M. Fraker

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

A. S. BEAMAN, P. E.
 P. O., Knoxville, Tenn.

Chestnut Hill...E. R. Branam
 Dandridge.....T. S. Walker
 Elm Grove and Lonsdale....
 J. A. Baker
 Fairgarden....R. C. Robertson
 Holston, to be supplied by..
 J. L. Cardwell
 Jones' Chapel....J. S. Strange
 Knoxville—

Asylum Av.....J. M. Emert
 East Main St....W. F. Pitts
 First Church.....C. M. Hall
 Luttrell St.....J. M. Melear
 Knoxville Circuit J. W. McGee
 Little River.....J. T. Ware
 Morristown....R. L. Stapleton
 Morristown Circuit J. C. Hodge
 New Salem.....A. J. Murphy
 Newport.....D. G. Pile
 Newport Circuit, supplied by
 R. E. Walker
 Pigeonforge, supplied by....
 G. W. McMahan
 Sevierville.....J. S. Jones
 Stinnett, supplied by.....
 W. S. McAndrew
 Thorngrove..G. W. Clendenen
 Tuckaleechee.....R. E. Ayers

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? New-
port, Tennessee.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

W. W. Hooper and E. C. Ferguson, Professors in Grant University, Members of Athens Quarterly Conference.

G. T. Newcomb, Dean of Theology, Grant University, Member of Highland Park, Chattanooga Quarterly Conference.

R. J. Cooke, Professor in School of Theology, Grant University, Member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

F. M. Cones, Associate Principal Wesleyan Academy, Chucky City Tenn., Member of Chucky City Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Ruble, Chaplain Soldiers' Home, Johnson City, Tenn., Member of Johnson City Quarterly Conference.

A. C. Peters, Agent A. B. Wright Institute, Burrville, Tenn., Member Burrville Quarterly Conference.

Francis F. Reynolds, St. James, Chattanooga Quarterly Conference; Frank H. Cary, Athens Quarterly Conference; Carl A. Mahoney, Athens Quarterly Conference. Robert B. Stansell, First Church, Chattanooga Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

J. J. Manker, Professor in School of Theology, Grant University, Member of First Church, Chattanooga Quarterly Conference.

J. S. Petty, Publishing Agent *Methodist Advocate Journal*, Member Morristown Quarterly Conference.

Charles F. Hunter, Conference Evangelist, Member East Main Street, Knoxville Quarterly Conference.

J. S. Jones, President Murphy College, Sevierville, Tenn.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENN.,

September 23, 1903.

The Fifty-ninth session of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened here this morning at 8:30 o'clock, with Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., presiding.

The Bishop read a part of the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and a part of the 26th chapter of Matthew, after which, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the Lord's Supper, at the close of which Bishop Joyce led in prayer.

The roll was called and seventy members and eight probationers were present.

On motion of T. R. West, J. H. Amis was elected Secretary, with J. S. Jones and W. F. Pitts, assistants.

On motion of J. J. Manker, R. L. Stapleton was elected Statistical Secretary, with W. S. Brackney and R. A. Simonds, assistants.

On motion of Hazen Oaks; J. C. Harmon was elected Treasurer, with J. J. Robinette assistant.

At the suggestion of C. M. Hall, the hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 M.

On motion of J. J. Manker, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the six rows of pews from the chancel on the left of the right-hand aisle.

The following brethren, who had been transferred to this Conference during the year were introduced: A. S. Beaman, G. W. Matney, from Blue Ridge Conference; E. M. Pippin, from Virginia; Geo. T. Byrd, from Georgia; Geo. E. Morse, from Genesee.

Dr. E. S. Dunham, Conference Evangelist of the Central Ohio Conference, was introduced and requested by vote of the Conference to conduct the morning devotions, from 8:30 to 9 o'clock, and also Pentecostal services in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Prentiss, of the Cincinnati Conference, was introduced.

The Bishop addressed the Conference with a few cheerful words, stating that it gave him great pleasure to again visit the Holston Conference, and congratulated them on the comforts and conveniences that had been arranged for them.

On motion of J. J. Manker, the Laymen were invited to hold their meeting Friday afternoon in this auditorium.

Papers relating to Education, Church Extension, Temperance, Sunday Schools and Tracts were referred to the proper committees.

The 13th Question: Was the character of each Preacher examined? W. C. Miller, Presiding Elder of the Athens District; J. S. Burnett, of the Chattanooga District; I. H. Miller, of the Clinton District, and G. T. Francisco, of the Greeneville District, there being nothing against them, read their reports, which showed that much earnest work had been done, and a splendid advance made on all lines of church work.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, it was decided that so much of the reports of the Presiding Elders as relate to the extension of the Church in new places be referred to the special committee on the State of the Church.

Dr. H. N. Ogden, from the Western Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference on our publishing interests.

The Bishop announced the following drafts: \$22.00 from the Chartered Fund and \$422.00 from the Book Concern; and on motion of F. M. Cones they were ordered and placed in the hands of L. B. Caldwell, Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The Bishop announced the transfer of John T. Jones from the Indiana Conference to this Conference.

Dr. J. M. King, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference for a few moments.

At the suggestion of the Bishop, Friday morning at 10 o'clock was designated as the time for electing delegates to the General Conference.

On motion, it was decided to hold a statistical session this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The Bishop requested L. B. Caldwell to take the chair at the afternoon session, and T. S. Walker to conduct the devotions.

J. C. Hodge stated that he had the \$10.00 intended for Mrs. Morrison last year, as Mrs. Morrison was dead. He was requested to return it to the Board of Stewards.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. M. King.

FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1:30 o'clock, with L. B. Caldwell in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by T. W. Brown.

The charges were called and some of the statistics collected.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. C. Hodge.

SECOND DAY.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1903.

Conference met this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. Dunham conducted a very interesting prayer service.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and the journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

C. M. Hall stated the amount of the collection for Church Extension in this Church last evening, and on motion of J. S. Jones the collection was credited to this Church.

The Treasurer called the delinquent charges and collected some reports.

On motion of J. M. Melear, W. F. Pitts was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

The absentees were called, and ten members answered the call. On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The 13th Question was resumed. J. J. Manker, Presiding Elder of Knoxville District, after the passage of his character, read his report.

There being nothing against the following Pastors, they presented their reports: J. J. Robinette, M. C. Bruner, J. F. Perry, J. H. Amis, J. W. Cardwell, D. G. Pile, T. G. Chase, W. S. Grant, M. H. Monroe, B. M. Martin, A. M. Rose, R. A. Simonds, G. W. Paul, W. C. Wheeler, A. S. Beaman, G. T. Byrd.

The Class of the Second Year, Michael P. Murphy, David T. Lawson, Asa E. Browne, were called forward and the Bishop delivered a clear, forcible, scriptural and practical address, concerning the important work of the ministry. After answering affirmatively all the disciplinary questions, they reported their collections, and being favorably represented by the Board of Examiners and their Presiding Elders, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' orders.

The Class of the Third Year, Andrew J. Murphy, Thomas D. Roe, Samuel P. Angel, Geo. S. Bales and Erwin Omohundro, were called, reported their collections, and having passed a satisfactory examination in the studies of the Third Year, were duly advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

G. W. Matney was continued in the studies of the Third Year.

Dr. Ogden made a brief statement concerning the books he had with him. R. J. Cooke also heartily commended the Epworth League Reading Course.

Rev. Geo. D. French, D. D., Field Agent of the A. B. Society in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Rev. Ulysses A. Foster, of the Northern Minnesota Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

After announcements, on motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by R. J. Cooke.

THIRD DAY.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1903.

Conference met this morning at 8:30 and after a pleasant prayer service, conducted by Dr. Dunham, the journal was read and approved.

On motion of F. M. Cones, the collection taken yesterday for F. Aid and S. Education was credited to this Church.

30th Question: Where shall the next Conference be held? Newport and Cleveland were put in nomination, and when the vote was taken Newport was selected.

On motion of B. M. Martin, the following committee was appointed on resolutions: D. G. Pile, Robert Walker, Geo. E. Morse, G. S. Bales and J. M. Melear.

24th Question: Who are the Triers of Appeals? J. J. Robinette, T. R. West, L. B. Caldwell, T. W. Brown, W. C. Wheeler, J. M. Durham and J. F. Perry were announced by the Bishop and confirmed by the Conference.

Under the 3rd Question, Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? Robert C. Robertson was recognized as an Elder coming to us from the United Brethren Church in Christ.

Under Question 21, What other notation shall be made? Geo. W. Sleiger as an Elder from the United Brethren Church, W. B. Williams as a Deacon from the M. E. Church South, Wm. M. Duncan as an Elder from the Missionary Baptist Church, were received.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Luther Freeman, who has been transferred from the Maine Conference to this Conference; Rev. J. H. Race, President of Grant University; Rev. J. A. Mitchell, of Des Moines Conference; Rev. W. B. Rippetoe, of the Northern Indiana Conference; Rev. J. C. Orr, Rev. S. T. Senter and Rev. K. W. Cox, Pastors; Rev. C. O. Jones, Presiding Elder in the Holston Conference, M. E. Church South; Dr. J. S. Hill, Principal of Morristown Seminary, and Dr. S. H. Pye, one of the Publishing Agents of the Western Book Concern. The latter spoke very beautifully concerning the flattering outlook for our publishing interests.

The Class of the First Year, Henry M. Hawk, Thomas

H. Conner, Alva P. Jones, John Sanders and Robert E. Ayres, were called, reported their collections, and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Bernard Gibbs was continued in studies of the First Year.

The Class of the Fourth Year, James W. Boling, Albert C. Ketron, Robert L. Stapleton, Eli M. Pippin, having satisfactorily completed the course of study, were duly elected to Elders' orders.

On motion, the order of the day was taken up — the election of delegates to the General Conference. The Bishop appointed as Tellers, M. C. Bruner, Robert Walker, J. C. Harmon, F. M. Cones and J. M. Melear. There being two delegates to be elected, on motion of R. J. Cooke it was decided that every legal ballot must have two names, and only two, on it. It was also decided that any delegate receiving a majority of the votes cast should be declared elected. R. J. Cooke and J. J. Robinette were elected on the first ballot, Cooke receiving 77 votes, Robinette 53 votes. J. J. Manker and J. M. Melear were elected as reserve delegates.

The Bishop in a very pleasant little speech presented to I. H. Miller, Presiding Elder of the Clinton District, a nice Bible from the preachers of the District.

There being nothing against the following pastors, they presented their benevolent collections: A. C. Peters, A. Y. Snavely, Hazen Oaks, G. W. Clendenen, S. V. Love, T. R. West, H. W. McKenzie, C. W. Miller, S. G. Ketron, J. A. Ruble, W. S. Bandy, G. B. Cox, T. S. Walker, J. C. Hodge, T. H. Hodge, A. B. McKenzie, A. G. Cadle, J. M. Emert, W. F. Pitts, J. M. Melear, J. W. McGee, J. M. Durham, M. A. Rule, C. M. Hall, Luther Freeman, J. D. Roberson, T. W. Brown, J. S. Jones, J. S. Strange, F. M. Cones, Robt. Walker, L. B. Caldwell.

On motion of G. T. Francisco, Presiding Elder of Greeneville District, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. A. Ruble, Chaplain in the Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, Tennessee. Brother Ruble referred very tenderly to the trials and triumphs of his thirty-seven years' connection with the Holston Conference; to which R. J. Cooke responded in

a few well-chosen words, stating how much his work had been appreciated and that he would live forever in the hearts of his brethren of the Conference.

On motion of J. J. Manker, W. T. Senter was granted a leave of absence and also a superannuated relation.

On motion, T. H. Hodge and M. A. Rule were each granted a supernumerary relation.

The following, after the passage of their character, were continued in the superannuated relation: R. O. Ayres, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, G. W. Coleman, Benjamin Crist, P. H. Henry, S. W. Hyden, J. H. Jennings, Geo. Julian, Wm. Kinsland, J. D. Lawson, J. B. Little, W. R. Long, P. H. Reed, J. B. Seaton, G. M. Stout.

P. H. Henry was referred to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, the Lay Electoral Conference were invited to seats with us, and the following committee appointed to convey the invitation to them: L. B. Caldwell, G. T. Newcomb and A. C. Peters.

J. A. Ruble invited the members of the Conference to visit the Soldiers' Home and assured them that they would always receive a hearty welcome. On motion of F. M. Cones, the invitation was accepted.

There being nothing against them, the following were continued in the supernumerary relation: T. B. Russell, C. C. Wyatt, G. R. Rowan, W. R. Byerly and J. F. Spence.

On motion, H. B. Ogle was made effective.

A paper relating to the Episcopal Fund was read to the Conference and by consent was referred to the Presiding Elders, requesting them to apportion the \$516.00 to the charges.

On motion of T. S. Walker, the Bishop was requested to address the Lay Electoral Conference.

On motion of J. J. Manker, the time was extended indefinitely.

The Lay Conference came in and took seats reserved for them.

L. B. Caldwell presented to Bishop Joyce a gavel made from the old Ebenezer Church, in Upper East Tennessee, erected in 1785, where Bishop Asbury once preached and held a Conference. The Bishop accepted the present in a

few well-chosen words of thanks, expressing the desire to be a most worthy successor of Bishop Asbury.

After which, L. B. Caldwell introduced J. C. Ramsay, President of the Lay Conference, to the Bishop.

The Bishop introduced the delegates elected to the General Conference: Mr. J. A. Patten, Mr. J. O. Lotspeich, Dr. R. J. Cooke and Dr. J. J. Robinette.

Then followed a most inspiring and soul-cheering address by Bishop Joyce on the glorious work of our great Church.

The delegates-elect also made short speeches.

After singing the doxology, Dr. C. O. Jones pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1903.

Conference met this morning at 8:30 o'clock and after the prayer service, conducted by Dr. Dunham, the journal was read, corrected and approved.

After a statement from Geo. E. Morse concerning the completion of the course of study, on motion of R. J. Cooke he was passed in the studies and elected to Elders' orders.

Roy C. Weidler, David M. Ausmus, Francis M. Reynolds, Luther B. Clark, Thos. F. M. Fraker, Eli R. Branam, Frank H. Carey and Karl A. Mahoney, being well recommended, were received on trial.

The last two named were left without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

James M. Taylor, Benj. C. Taylor, Luther Clear, David M. Ausmus and Luther B. Clark were elected to Deacons' Orders as Local Preachers.

Dr. T. B. Neely, editor of our Sunday School Periodicals; Rev. E. B. Caldwell, returned missionary from China; Dr. W. F. McDowell, corresponding secretary of the Board of Education; Mrs. Mary Carr Curtiss, returned missionary from Malaysia; Rev. T. C. Shuler, Presiding Elder in the Holston Conference, M. E. Church South; Rev. J. E. Hughes, Pastor of Ramsey Memorial Church, were introduced to the Conference.

J. J. Manker read a paper relating to Ladies' Aid So-

cieties, memorializing the General Conference of 1904 to give such societies representation in the Quarterly Conference, similar to that accorded to Class Meetings, Sunday School and Epworth League, which on motion was adopted.

The reports of the Board of Stewards, Education, Temperance, Sunday Schools and Tracts, and Church Literature were read and adopted.

R. J. Cooke offered a resolution relating to A. B. Wright Institute, and on motion it was adopted.

On motion, R. J. Cooke was added to the Committee on State of the Church.

On motion, G. T. Newcomb was granted a leave of absence.

The Bishop requested R. J. Cooke to take the chair Monday morning.

Dr. Wadsworth, Pastor of Church Street Church, M. E. Church South, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1903.

Conference met at 8:30 o'clock A. M. Dr. Dunham conducted the devotional services, after which R. J. Cooke took the chair and called for reports of committees.

The reports on Church Extension, American Bible Society, Epworth League, District Conference Records, Auditing Committee, and Cause of Missions, were presented and adopted.

B. M. Martin was added to the Committee on Resolutions in the place of D. G. Pile.

On motion of C. M. Hall, the following committee was appointed on Memoirs, with the request that they prepare memoirs of P. H. Scarbrough, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Watkins and send them to the Secretary for publication in the Minutes.

On motion of J. F. Perry, the Committee on State of the Church was permitted to have their report printed in the M. A. Journal and also in the Minutes.

A resolution relating to the extension of missionary work, the appointment of Rev. E. B. Caldwell as Field Agent for the South, was offered by R. J. Cooke and on motion was adopted.

On motion of J. F. Spence, all persons coming into the Conference on trial be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer were requested to compare their reports and make them harmonize as far as possible.

On motion of J. W. McGee, a collection was taken for the publication of the Minutes, on the basis of one-fourth of one per cent. of salary.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, the following committee was appointed on the publication of the Minutes: A. C. Ketron, J. J. Robinette, J. C. Harmon, R. A. Simonds and W. F. Pitts.

Dr. T. B. Neely addressed the Conference on our Sunday School periodicals.

At 10:15 the Bishop took the chair and the journal of the previous session was read and approved.

On motion of J. S. Burnett, the Bishop was requested to appoint one Conference Evangelist.

J. S. Petty, in a very happy speech, presented to J. J. Manker a nice grained-leather grip from the pastors of the Knoxville District, as a token of the esteem in which he is held, to which Dr. Manker responded, expressing very gratefully his appreciation of the present.

J. S. Burnett read the list of standing committees.

The following committee, L. B. Caldwell, S. G. Ketron and G. T. Francisco, was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Blue Ridge Conference to adjust the boundary between the Conferences along the counties of Ashe and Watauga in North Carolina, and Johnson, Tennessee.

The Bishop announced the Board of Examiners.

The Missionary appropriations were read by J. S. Burnett.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer read the grand

totals and on motion their reports were ordered printed in the Minutes.

A resolution was offered by R. J. Cooke to the General Missionary Society and on motion was adopted.

B. M. Martin read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and on motion it was adopted.

On motion of J. S. Burnett, Arthur C. Vaughan was discontinued.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, after devotions and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourned.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," the Bishop led in prayer, made some appropriate remarks to the Conference, read the appointments, and pronounced the benediction.

ISAAC W. JOYCE, PRESIDENT.

J. H. AMIS, SECRETARY.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever maintained a deep and abiding interest in Christian Education. This interest was never more intense than at the present, when the need of an enlightened and educated membership is increasingly felt. The Holston Conference is rich in institutions of learning scattered through its territory, to the condition of which we now direct your attention.

GRANT UNIVERSITY.

Under the efficient administration of President J. H. Race, supported by the indefatigable Field Agent, Dr. L. E. Prentiss, Grant University during the past year has been lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. The increase in students as well as in material resources has been exceedingly gratifying. At Athens the increase of facilities from the addition of the Banfield Memorial Science Hall and the Blakeslee Dormitory for Boys has had the legitimate effect of increasing the number of students. Never have there been so many students so early in the year as are now at Athens, and there is a marked increase in the number of college students.

One new statement appears in the last catalogue to which we desire to give the widest publicity. This statement is this: *No saloons in Athens.* Through the beneficent provisions of the Adam's law the curse of open saloons has been abolished in Athens. That row of buildings that gave such notoriety to so-called Saloon street has been turned into provision stores and for the use of other legitimate occupations.

The professional Schools of Theology, Medicine, and Law, located at Chattanooga, have all had prosperous years and are looking forward to increased numbers when they open next month. We are gratified that one of our number, Dr. J. J. Manker, has been elected to the chair of Practical Theology in the University.

At the last commencement at Athens, Mr. John W. Fisher, of the Board of Trustees, announced that "for every dollar placed in the hands of Dr. W. W. Hooper, treasurer, on or before September 9, 1903, by the students of 1902-3 and the alumni, for the benefit of the department of Grant University located at Athens, I will give two dollars." With enthusiasm a committee of the alumni, consisting of Dean Wright, Prof. Bolton and Mr. Bayless, canvassed for funds and secured about \$800.

Within the past few months \$16,000 have been added to the permanent funds of Grant University under the Annuity Endowment feature. The total endowment of the institution is \$29,700.

We recommend as visitors to Grant University, M. H. Monroe, R. A. Simonds, T. S. Walker, G. W. Bales, G. T. Francisco, J. M. Melear.

We now give a review of the schools affiliated with Grant University.

MURPHY COLLEGE.

This institution, located in Sevierville, under the presidency of Rev. J. S. Jones has had a year of prosperity and opens with increased numbers. Situated half way between the Great Smoky Mountains and the city of Knoxville it is in the center of one of the largest rural belts in all the South. A large dormitory, containing twenty-two rooms besides a kitchen, dining-room and parlor, and known as the Annie Ruble Hall, adds greatly to the facilities of this institution.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

This institution, located at Chucky City, Tennessee, is second to none of the academies in Holston Conference in efficiency and facilities for thorough academic work. Its energetic principal, Prof. S. H. Thompson, has raised the school to a high position of influence and reputation. It is in great need of additional buildings, having been forced to refuse admission to some the past year on account of insufficient accomodations.

PARROTTSVILLE SEMINARY.

This institution, situated at Parrottsville, Tennessee, has made greater progress during the last two years than any ten years previous. The moral standard of the students has been materially raised, and the prospect is that there will be next year more students ready for our central university at Athens than ever before. By liberality on the part of the entire people, Parrottsville is fast becoming a beautiful and attractive place, and receiving into her halls many students of a high grade. There is still need of more money with which to add to the faculty, and help poor boys and girls. The principal is Prof. I. M. Rule.

KINGSLEY SEMINARY.

This seminary was founded in 1877. It is situated in the upper borders of the Greeneville District, near the Virginia state line, among the beautiful hills of Sullivan County. It has supplied the moral and intellectual needs of many in the surrounding country to an extent that is not surpassed by any institution of like grade, and it still offers advantages worthy of your patronage. It is now proposed to erect a new building in honor of its founder, Prof. Joseph H. Keton. For further information apply to Rev. S. G. Keton, Principal, Bloomingdale, Tenn.

OAKLAND SEMINARY.

This institution is located at Baileyton, Tennessee, and during its twenty-four years of successful history has graduated seventy-one young people. At the opening of this year the enrollment at the end

of four weeks is 151, of whom about one-half are mature young men and women. It is doubtful whether a more earnest or ambitious body of students can be found in this Southland. Prof. E. M. Elison, A. M., a graduate of Grant University, is the president.

THE A. B. WRIGHT INSTITUTE.

This institution is situated on the Cumberland plateau, in the midst of a growing section that is penetrated by the Queen & Crescent railroad. Rev. J. B. Ziegler is the efficient principal, and it has opened with over one hundred students. The Clinton District Conference at its last session made this school its so-called district school. We recommend that the Holston Conference recognize the A. B. Wright Institute as one of our Conference schools, an auxiliary of Grant University, on an equal footing with our other Conference schools.

POWELLS VALLEY SEMINARY.

This school is situated in the far-famed Powells Valley, under the majestic eastern brow of the Cumberland Mountain. The present principal, Prof. H. F. Ketron, is an able and experienced educator, and under his leadership the friends and patrons of the school may be assured of good results.

HOLSTON SEMINARY.

This seminary, after an honorable career for many years, was for a time suspended. In 1901 it was revived and a fine new building erected. But after getting fairly started the building was destroyed by fire. Another building is now being erected and it is expected that the school will again enter upon an honorable career.

We express our appreciation of the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in aid of the schools within the bounds of the Holston Conference. The society has apportioned to our Conference \$2,000. We recommend that we accept this sum and that it be apportioned to the various districts and charges as set forth in the Discipline.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education. We especially approve of the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools. We note with satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, and unreservedly commend it to the benevolence of our people, particularly those who are able to make large gifts.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the Discipline. It is not "flag Sunday" nor "flower Sunday" nor any festival of the sort. It is the day when the doors of the Christian college should be made to open wide for the Christian youth. Let it be so observed.

During the past year the Board aided students who gave their home residence or church relationship as within the bounds of our Conference to the number of fourteen and to the amount of \$636. The contributions of our Conference received by the Board for the year were \$219.35. Our Minutes show a large number of charges not contributing to this fund.

We commend the officers of the Board for their energy in collecting loans, and we urge all beneficiaries within our own Conference to make as prompt payment as possible. We commend the *Christian Student* and the Cokesbury Guild to all our people.

We call upon our people to give liberally of their wealth that our institutions shall everywhere be equal to the best. We call upon our institutions everywhere to fulfill their high and important ministry in behalf of the Church. We call upon parents to consecrate their children to Christ and His service and to give them the best education as a preparation for that service. And we call upon our young men and women to give themselves fully to Christ for salvation and service, and to seek in a Christian college the highest training for the greatest usefulness. Our Church needs a thousand new men each year for the ministry alone. The Head of the Church is calling for the best.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. FERGUSON.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The whiskey traffic is recognized by the Christian world as a deadly foe to the Church of God and an enemy of all that we hold dear and precious in life. "It would destroy the Church if it could." All lovers of the Church must necessarily be haters of the saloon. This potent force of evil would drag down to ruin every soul converted to God at church altars. The Church, with its forces for subjugation at command, could destroy the saloon if it would. It is to be deeply regretted that she has not antagonized more persistently this giant evil in every way that has been possible. And yet we rejoice that the traffic in ardent spirits in this Southland, and particularly within the bounds of our Conference territory, has, through provisions made by legislation, been driven from many localities, whereby the confidence of the temperance public has been greatly strengthened, while desires for greater victories have been manifest.

Therefore, be it resolved by this body that we as ministers of the gospel, recognized exponents of the temperance cause, be ready and willing at all times to employ any legitimate means within our grasp in waging a warfare against the rum traffic.

We further resolve that all the pulpits occupied by members of this Conference shall be definitely pronounced in expressing loyalty to the Discipline of our Church and faithfulness to the people to whom we minister relative to the temperance cause in all its details.

F. M. CONES, *Secretary of Committee.*

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, There is in almost every Methodist Episcopal Church a Ladies' Aid Society, organized to assist in promoting its financial, social and spiritual interests, and

WHEREAS, The almost universal testimony of Presiding Elders, Pastors and Official Members is in favor of such societies; therefore

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference of 1904 to give such societies representation in the Quarterly Conference similar to that accorded to the Class Meetings, Sunday School and Epworth League.

This Memorial to the General Conference was unanimously adopted by the New England Conference at its annual session held at Brookline, Massachusetts, April 1, 1903, endorsed by Rev. T. C. Watkins, D. D., Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., LL. D., Rev. W. T. Perrin, D. D., Rev. G. H. Mansfield, D. D., Rev. E. R. Thorndike, D. D., Rev. E. H. Hughes, D. D., Rev. J. O. Knowles, D. D., Rev. Dillon Bronson, Rev. Franklin Hamilton.

REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee on District Conference Records, having examined the records present, find them properly kept.

September 25, 1903.

HAZEN OAKS, *Chairman.*

THE CAUSE OF MISSIONS.

We rejoice in the increased interest and success manifested by the Holston Conference in the cause of Missions. We are gratified to note the increased contributions, both to the Home and Foreign Societies. We are also pleased at the disposition which many of our weaker charges are showing to become self-supporting in the very near future. There are, however, new villages and country communities throughout the Conference where missionary appropriation would be a splendid investment, making both financial and spiritual returns, and we commend such places for earnest consideration by the Missionary Society.

A. J. MURPHY,
W. S. BANDY,
J. M. MELEAR,
W. F. PITTS,
J. H. AMIS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The General Missionary Committee appropriated \$1,650 for distribution among the Missions of our Conference for the year 1903-04; and your committee on this cause, after carefully considering the needs of the work, make the following appropriations:

Athens District. — Appalachia, \$50; Ducktown, \$50; Kingston, \$50; Madisonville, \$50; Tellico Plains, \$50. Total, \$250.

Chattanooga District. — Big Lick, \$40; Epworth, \$40; Fairmount, \$20; Jasper, \$50; Morgan Springs, \$20; Pikeville, \$85; Retro, \$90; Rdigedale, \$20; South Pittsburg, \$40; Spring City, \$30; St. James, \$40; Tracy City, \$30. Total, \$505.

Clinton District. — LaFollette, \$100; Harriman, \$50; Andersonville Circuit, \$40; Mingo Circuit, \$30; Elk Valley Circuit, \$20; Jellico Circuit, \$20; Minersville, \$15; Wellspring, \$25. Total, \$300.

Greeneville District. — Johnson City Circuit, \$40; Elizabethhton, \$100; Surgoinsville, \$40; Butler, \$20; Rogersville, \$15. Total, \$215.

Knoxville District. — East Main Street, \$175; Elm Grove and Lonsdale, \$125; Morristown Circuit, \$25; Newport Circuit, \$25; Stinnett, \$30. Total, \$380.

J. J. MANKER, *Chairman.*
J. S. BURNETT, *Sec.*

I approve the above missionary appropriations.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

Resolved, That we as a Conference adopt the A. B. Wright Institute, located at Burrville, Tennessee, in the bounds of the Clinton District, provided that it is unencumbered by debt, as one of our Conference schools, and most heartily recommend it to the patronage of all friends of education.

R. J. COOKE.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

As we look out, in our moments of thinking, and through the scenes that come upon us in our travels, we behold indeed a field white for the harvest. It seems almost like a dream to us all that we are given the great opportunity of placing the word of God among the nations of earth and the isles of the sea which wait the coming of the word of God. Realizing the benefit of the American Bible Society to all Christian institutions and governments of men depend upon the knowledge of the word of God given to all classes everywhere, rich and poor, high and low alike; be it therefore

Resolved, That we not only welcome its agents to our midst, but that we lend a helping hand, a listening ear and earnest hearts to its calls and endeavor to raise our full apportionments to aid this worthy cause.

THOS. W. BROWN,
J. C. HODGE,
A. M. ROSE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs.

From 1866 when this work began to Nov. 1, 1902, the Board collected and disbursed..... \$7,748,781 24

Of this, the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, bequests, personal gifts for *Frontier Churches*, \$250 each, and *Mountain Fund* specials of \$100 each, has aggregated..... \$4,803,888 53

The Annuity and Loan Funds, including

Loans returned, amount to..... 2,944,892 71

Making the total amount used..... \$7,748,781 24

With this the Board aided 12,356 Churches.

Our Conference has shared in this work as follows:

The collections taken in our Churches, from the beginning to November 1st, 1902, the close of the last fiscal year of the Board, aggregated..... \$ 7,429 14

To this our Conference adds this year..... 706 00

Making a total of..... \$ 8,135 14

163 Churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 1st, 1902,

By donations of \$34,311 00
and loans of 32,153 65

The part our Conference is to take, in both giving and receiving, is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee from year to year. For the ensuing year

Our Conference is asked to raise by collections..... \$1,100 00
Our needy churches may, on approved applications, receive 1,500 00

The amount of aid granted must depend on the amount of the collections taken, and can not exceed the proportion above indicated. Interest, therefore, in our Conference, as well as in the general cause, should inspire us to use all diligence to secure the full amount asked, and if possible go beyond it.

CHRISTIANITY IN EARNEST, with its quarterly visits, will furnish to all who receive it, the latest tidings of this work, and its wants, and will also contain the Annual Report of the Board in quarterly installments.

Documents for free distribution can be secured by pastors and church committees on Church Extension on application to The Board of Church Extension, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following resolutions are suggested as the basis for Conference action:

i. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension,

and the Church-at-large, on the great success of this work in all its history, and especially on the remarkable financial success of the past year.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions, still needs the work of Church Extension, and that our Methodism, by fostering and strengthening this work, will increase its own power to do the larger work demanded.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee until all people in our land shall be furnished with places for worship.

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension, to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collection; and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, we will present this cause in all our churches, and secure, at least, the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

L. B. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That this Holston Conference request the General Missionary Committee to appropriate \$2,000 for next year, \$500 of which shall be set apart for new work. Also that \$500 shall be immediately available for use in the Clinton and Chattanooga Districts.

R. J. COOKE.

In view of the growth of our Church, and the increasing demands upon her resources, and in view of the latent possibilities of the people with whom we labor, it is the judgment of this, the Holston Conference, that the time is at hand when this field should be more thoroughly cultivated in the interest of our General Missionary Society; therefore

Resolved, That we, the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, hereby recommend the Rev. Ernest B. Caldwell as Field Agent of the Missionary Society for the work in the South.

R. J. COOKE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

We deeply and keenly regret that our literature is not used in our homes and Sunday schools as it deserves to be. We call every pastor's attention to the very small number of our church papers that are read in our homes. Not more than one-half of our official members take our *Advocate-Journal*. Some of our Sunday schools are content to use Cook's or Union Literature. The homes of our people show us that other publishers are furnishing the reading. Many of our homes have the most worthless kinds of publications.

We would respectfully urge the importance of putting our own literature, the purest and best published on the earth, into all our homes and Sunday schools. We would emphasize the importance of putting the League Course into the possession of our young people,

and the Catechism in the hands of every Methodist child. In our country homes just now it is very important that a copy of our hymn book, Wesley's Christian Perfection, and the Methodist Discipline be placed there.

We respectively endorse the *Methodist Advocate-Journal* as one of the ablest factors of our progress in this grand Southern field. Its editorials come to us weekly, laden with the very best instruction on all lines of Christian thought needed in our homes and field—instruction pertaining to our schools, revivals, pastors, churches, laymen, and their loyal, godly mission and work; practical religious thought, great and small movements, religious, political, social and educational. Wide-awake, up to date, it comes gladdening parents and children. God bless our own *Advocate-Journal*. We endorse the editor, Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., in his efforts to make it the best family and religious paper in our country. His patience, ability, earnest, consecrated devotion, loyalty to his country, Christianity, his church and his God, has given him a place in our hearts where precious memories will abide until our Master calls us.

M. H. MONROE,
G. T. NEWCOMB.

Knoxville, Tenn., September 26th, 1903.

This will introduce to you the Rev. A. C. Peters, an honored member of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church. He is an ex-Presiding Elder. In his thirty-one years of service there has never been a complaint against him. He is thoroughly loyal to the M. E. Church, and perfectly trustworthy in every respect. He is the founder of the A. B. Wright Institute, located at Burrville, Tenn., is president of its Board of Trustees, and has been elected by them and appointed by Bishop Joyce, President of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, as Financial Agent of the school.

The school has been adopted by the District Conference and the Annual Conference as one of the affiliated Academies of Grant University, located at Chattanooga and Athens.

ISAAC W. JOYCE, *President.*
J. H. AMIS, *Secretary.*
R. J. COOKE,
Editor Methodist Advocate Journal.
ISAAC H. MILLER,
P. E. Clinton District.

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The following amounts have been received this year:

Draft from Book Concern.....	\$ 422 00
Chartered fund	22 00
Returned from last year.....	22 00

Collections from Conference:

Athens District	232 00	
Chattanooga District	259 00	
Clinton District	89 00	
Greeneville District	73 00	
Knoxville District	400 00	
	13 00	
Total.....	\$1,534 00	
R. O. Ayres.....	\$ 80 00	Paid to B. Crist
Mrs. Ballenger	10 00	" " Hawk
Mrs. Clark	20 00	" " Robert Walker
Mrs. Dailey	100 00	" " C. M. Hall
Mrs. Forrester	20 00	" " Peters
Mrs. Filmore	60 00	" " Newcomb
Mrs. Haskall	5 00	" " J. S. Jones
Mrs. Hughes	5 00	" " Melear
S. W. Hyden.....	95 00	" " Morten
Mrs. Jones	60 00	" " Monroe
George Julian	90 00	" " Pile
Mrs. Lawton	55 00	" " Manker
J. B. Little.....	20 00	" " himself
W. R. Long.....	90 00	" " Bruner
Mrs. Morton	70 00	" " Mrs. J. B. Little
P. H. Reed.....	105 00	" " himself
Mrs. Rogers	30 00	" " Pile
Mrs. Seaton	20 00	" " Francisco
G. M. Stout.....	95 00	" " Rule
Mrs. Still	5 00	" " Pile
Mrs. Cresswell	60 00	" " Manker
J. D. Lawson.....	5 00	" " Manker
B. Crist	80 00	" " himself
T. A. Cass.....	90 00	" " Robinette
J. L. Cardwell.....	60 00	" " himself
J. H. Jennings.....	60 00	" " Rule
G. W. Coleman	50 00	" " himself
Wm. Kinsland	5 00	" " himself
Mrs. Scarborough	40 00	" " J. W. Cardwell
P. H. Henry.....	50 00	" " himself
Total.....	\$1,534 00	

Dear Brethren, the Board of Stewards would recommend that, as we have in our collections advanced from \$630 last year to \$1,068 this, that we bring up the full \$1,500 for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. RULE, *Secretary.*

ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, September 27, 1903, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, under an election by the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I did ordain as Deacons the following-named persons: Michael P. Murphy, David T. Lawson, Asa E. Browne, Benjamin C. Taylor, James M. Taylor, Luther Clear, David M. Ausmus, and Luther B. Clark; and the same day, in the same place, assisted by Elders, I did ordain as Elders the following-named persons, under an election by the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: James W. Boling, Albert C. Ketron, Robert L. Stapleton, George E. Morse and Elisha M. Pippin.

Given under my hand, this 28th day of September, 1903.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

Knoxville, Tennessee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life not only of our own age but of the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the gospel to vast multitudes irrespective of ages or conditions. The total Sunday School population in the United States is 13,150,000, of whom there are in the Methodist Episcopal Church 32,390 Sunday Schools, with 351,402 officers and teachers and more than 2,758,429 scholars.

Inasmuch as the education of the young in religion is of the highest importance, great care should be taken in the selection of teachers. We hope the time is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday School shall be a professed follower of Jesus Christ with a living experience. We believe that the Methodist Episcopal Church furnishes the best Sunday School literature to be had, therefore we urge its use in all our schools, and inasmuch as the Sunday School Union of our Church aids every year about 3,500 needy schools with literature and has no other resources except the collections in the churches, we urge that this cause be presented to every church, and that the Sunday nearest Christmas be set apart for this purpose.

TRACTS.

The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in at least twelve languages in the United States alone, and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States, and sends \$12,000 annually to our Foreign Missions for aid in the publication and distribution of religious literature.

We recommend that our pastors more generally avail themselves

of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application will receive free half the amount paid by his charge last year for tracts and leaflets. If a larger grant is needed and his church is not able to pay for the tracts, the Society will make generous donations of tracts.

Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of \$50,000 annually to carry on its work in the world, we urge that a collection be taken in all our churches for this Society, and that during the coming year the offerings be increased and that we do our utmost in behalf of this noble and deserving Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. V. LOWE,
A. S. BEAMAN,
S. P. ANGEL,
J. W. CARDWELL.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee have examined the Presiding Elders' accounts and find them all correct.

J. C. HODGE.

REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We know the Epworth League as the favored child of Methodism. We recognize the movement as providential. Its growth has been rapid. Its value to the Church has been incalculable.

We are not forgetful of the achievements made by the Epworth League in the bounds of the Holston Conference, and that a part of the great advance made in recent years on many lines in our Conference is due to the education afforded our young people through the Epworth League.

Therefore we urge a vigorous maintenance of every interest of the League work throughout the Conference, that district organization be maintained.

We commend the use of the Epworth League Reading Course in every chapter, and the larger use of the *Epworth Herald*, that unparalleled periodical for young people, and the keeping up of the old-time enthusiasm in our organizations, and the doing of a more substantial class of work.

We also commend the call made to the Leaguers of this section by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, asking for 1,000 Standard Bearers who will contribute 5 cents each per month for the purpose of sending a missionary to represent Tennessee in heathen lands.

T. D. ROWE,
J. C. HARMON,
J. M. EMERT,
R. A. SIMONDS,
B. M. MARTIN.

CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY.

I hereby certify that this is a correct record of the official proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Session of the Holston Conference.

J. H. AMIS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to our city pastors and the hospitable people of their churches, and to the Presiding Elder of Knoxville District, for our generous entertainment, and the ideal arrangements for our convenience and comfort.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Southern and other railroads that have granted courtesies to this Conference, to the East Tennessee and People's Telephone Companies, who placed their phones in the church for the accommodation of the Conference, and the Postoffice Department for the unusual accommodations afforded to us during the Conference, and to the manager of the Knoxville Traction Company for the placing of "red flags" on the car line near as a warning to the street-car men to avoid the usual noise made in passing the church.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for the visit to our Conference of Drs. J. M. King, W. F. McDowell, T. B. Neely, S. H. Pye, and welcome the information they have given in regard to the great interests of the Church which they represent. We also have been glad, as ever, to welcome Drs. J. H. Race and L. E. Prentiss, of Grant University, to our sessions. We express a welcome to Mrs. Mary Carr Curtis, Miss Banister and the Rev. E. B. Caldwell. We extend also a welcome to Dr. Luther Freeman, and all other ministers who have come to us during the year.

Resolved, That we record our high appreciation for the splendid work continued by the Laymen's Association, and rejoice over the excellent record that they have made possible, namely, the paying of every pastor's salary in full for this Conference year.

Resolved, That our hearty thanks are hereby tendered to our very efficient Conference Secretary, Rev. J. H. Amis, Statistical Secretary, Rev. R. L. Stapleton, and Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Harmon, for their faithfulness, and to the assistants of each of the above secretaries.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the choir of this church and the Conference Quartette for the excellent music furnished at the various meetings of the Conference.

Resolved, That the sermons preached and services rendered by Evangelist Rev. E. S. Dunham, D. D., have been helpful in a high degree, and that we express our hearty appreciation for his visit and work among us.

Resolved, That this Conference has been delighted and edified by the presidency of Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., and that his sermon and addresses have inspired us afresh to faithful and heroic service, and that we shall gladly welcome his presidency at any of our future sessions.

ROBT. WALKER,
J. M. MELEAR,
G. E. MORSE,
G. S. BALES,
B. M. MARTIN.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

The geographical dimensions of the Athens District are the same this year as last year. The territory includes the following counties: James, Meigs, Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Monroe and Loudon, also parts of Roane, Knox and Blount. This boundary contains, according to the census of 1900, a population of about 127,000. These inhabitants are to be found in nine towns with an average population of 1,900, and twenty-one villages with an average population of 359. The remainder live in the rural districts. Some communities are thickly settled, others are not, while there is a mountain range on the southeast side of the district, something like fifty miles long and ten or twelve miles wide, where it is still more sparsely settled.

Pastoral Charges.—The district has fifteen pastoral charges. There are four stations and eleven circuits. Nearly all the circuits are large, the appointments far apart, the membership small. The stations are in the following towns: Athens, Cleveland, Kingston and Maryville. There are other towns where we have charges, but they are connected with adjoining circuits. They are located in Riceville, Loudon, Lenoir City, Louisville, Friendsville; and in Ducktown there are two, one at Hiwassee, and the other at McCay's. These, with the exception of two (Cleveland and Erie circuits), have all been served by pastors appointed by Bishop Walden at the last session of our Conference.

The Cleveland circuit has been supplied with two pastors—D. A. Sullivan, a local preacher, and E. M. Pippin, who was a member of the Virginia Conference but was attending the theological school of the U. S. Grant University at Chattanooga, from which institution he graduated last spring. However, a few months ago he was transferred by Bishop Warren to the Holston Conference. The Erie circuit was supplied by C. D. Hoyle, a local preacher. J. F. M. Duggan, also a local preacher, has been employed as an assistant pastor on the Madisonville circuit, has worked manfully in localities heretofore neglected, so that most of his work has been purely of a

missionary character, and not without blessed results. Sixty-six souls have been saved under his ministry this year.

Pastoral Service.—Good health and ability to labor faithfully and continually have been enjoyed by all the preachers without a single exception. However, Death has twice entered this year the home of A. M. Rose, pastor of the Maryville circuit. The first time he took from their embrace a darling babe, precious bud of promise, and the second time a dear daughter was claimed, who was just blooming into womanhood, and who possessed a beautiful Christian character. But when dark clouds fall across the Christian home, there comes to its inmates the blessed assurance that "earth has no sorrows heaven can not heal."

The pastors throughout the year have rendered faithful and, with scarcely an exception, successful service, and this too in many cases in the face of difficulties and discouragements. Some of the pastors have been compelled to give a part of their time to secular pursuits in order to supplement their meagre salaries, which were absolutely too small to meet the real needs of the pastor and his family.

Revivals.—Refreshing showers of divine grace have fallen from heaven on almost every charge, and scores of souls have professed saving faith in Jesus Christ. The salvation of men has been the chief aim and effort of nearly all the preachers. The greatest need of all the churches is a Pentecostal revival. The true presence and operation of the Spirit is the only remedy for all the evils of the professing church. All mere get-up revivals result in failure. What is most needed is spiritual power, Spirit-power, the Pentecostal power. We ought to grasp more fully the glorious truth—the Holy Ghost is with us.

Salaries and Benevolences.—The salaries estimated for the pastors this year are \$925 in advance of last year, and with this advancement the salaries are still, with but few exceptions, inadequate. Almost every pastor has labored hard to raise all his benevolent apportionments, and their reports will show the good results of their energetic work.

Church Building.—The Pine Grove Church, on the Erie circuit, which has been erected for a time, was finished by putting on a good coat of paint this summer and was dedicated free of debt by Dr. J. J. Robinette, pastor of our church in Athens. A beautiful and commodious church at Kingston, worth \$1,700, was dedicated free of debt on the second Sunday in this month by Dr. R. J. Cooke. Another church, worth at least \$2,000, has just been finished at Lenoir City, on the Loudon circuit, and is now ready for dedication. Also another new church has just been finished at Meadow, on the Maryville circuit, and is ready for dedication. And still another church at Friendsville, on the A., K. & N. railroad, in the bounds of the Maryville circuit, has been improved and beautified and awaits dedication.

A lot has been secured in the bounds of the Maryville circuit on which to build a new church. The new church enterprise at Athens is still being agitated, and Dr. Robinette, the pastor, has secured \$3,000 in good subscriptions. The edifice which is to be erected there will cost when completed not less than \$8,000.

Our School. — The College of Liberal Arts of the U. S. Grant University at Athens was never in a more hopeful condition. Under the wise and energetic supervision of President Race the school has enjoyed a year of more than ordinary prosperity, and is worthy of the confidence and support of the Church. The enrollment this year is 20 per cent. in advance of last year. From many considerations the outlook is very bright, and with the hearty co-operation of all the friends, this institution may be made a still greater power for God and Methodism in this Southland.

The Ritter Industrial Home, under the careful oversight of Mrs. F. V. Chapman, is a most valuable adjunct to the University.

Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. — The Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues in the stations are in good condition, but in the country the circuits are so large that the pastors can not give to this work the necessary attention, hence the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues in the rural portion are not what is heartily desired and prayed for.

The Outlook for the Church in the Athens District. — The stations were never, perhaps, in a more hopeful and prosperous condition than now. This can not be said of some of the circuits; especially is this true of the circuits with from eight to ten appointments. Last year in this district a brother was appointed to a circuit with ten appointments. At the first quarterly meeting, almost heart-broken, he said to me: "It is preaching me out until their is nothing left of me." The leading members of our Church on these large circuits say: "We can never build up our churches with monthly preaching." To my mind the only way to adjust this matter, and to meet the growing need of the people, is by concentration; that is, to leave off those places where the membership has become almost extinct, and where there is no hope or prospect of building up; and, where it is at all possible, to connect two or three contiguous classes into one, and then give them more pulpit and pastoral service.

Almost two or three miles east of Athens, at a place called Fairview, a glorious revival has been conducted by W. W. Sutton, a local preacher, who is a student in the Grant University at Athens. This revival resulted in sixty conversions and a class of twenty-five has been organized there. A church building is badly needed at this place.

Presiding Elders' Work. — I have made the regular quarterly visitations, holding fifty-seven quarterly meetings in person and three by proxy, have preached one hundred and seventy-four times, made two hundred and fourteen pastoral visitations, and traveled

four thousand, three hundred and twelve miles. I have, forgetful of self, devoted all my time to the work of the district, looking carefully after every interest of the Church. My constant aim has been to introduce, according to the Discipline, the very best business methods for carrying on the work of the Church. An earnest effort has been put forth to raise the standard of Christian liberality, in order that the people may give at least a comfortable support to the faithful ministers of the gospel, who are giving all their time to the spiritual interests of the people. Religious liberality is, of all profitable investments, the most profitable. The Church which robs and defrauds God robs and defrauds itself. It has become necessary here and there to put a little bit of religious explosive under some of the churches to wake them up to the fact that they are indebted to the Church of God. The debris from the explosion is still falling, and no one hears and feels more of it than the Presiding Elder.

Unoccupied Territory.—In the bounds of the Athens District hundreds of square miles are to be found where there are no Methodist Episcopal churches or any of our church privileges, and there are many square miles where there are no churches of any kind. In Polk County, with a population of 11,000, we have three small churches. This county lies almost entirely in the mountains. And in a large portion of Monroe County the same conditions are to be found. A friend of mine who is engaged in the lumber business in those mountains said to me a few days ago: "Why don't you send ministers of the gospel to preach to those people in the mountains? They hardly know when Sunday comes." I believe very much in Foreign Missionary work, but we ought not to neglect the mission fields at our doors, which are white already to the harvest. The Presbyterian Church is sending lady missionaries into the mountainous portions of North Carolina and East Tennessee, and they are doing a most excellent work. We have made some effort to secure the services of a Deaconess of our Church to labor in the Tellico Plains, in Monroe County. A brother living in Athens, whose name I may not give, has promised to pay one-half the expenses of a Deaconess of our Church to do Christian work at this place. I would be exceedingly glad to have some one follow this example with a like generous offer.

Summarily and Finally.—In summing up the results of the year's work, we would not forget to acknowledge the faithful assistance rendered by the Laymen's Association of the Holston Annual Conference. We owe to this body a debt of love and esteem, because it has aided in the development of our Church in this Conference, and we trust it will bring also a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the deserts will rejoice and blossom as the rose."

In summing up the results of the entire district, perhaps they will not fall behind last year, but the circuits as a whole will not make quite as good report as they did last year. And this, we be-

lieve, is very largely due to the fact that the Conference convenes earlier than in former years, just at the time when farmers are very busy and the products of their farms are not ready for the market. If the Conference could have met four weeks later we believe that almost every charge would have paid all claims in full.

For any advancement made or success achieved we give to God all the glory and the praise.

W. C. MILLER, *Presiding Elder.*

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

I am glad to report that of all the preachers you sent to the Chattanooga District a year ago no one has been called to his reward. Sickness has come to many of us, and from the homes of both Brothers Conner and Wheeler a babe has been taken. Luther Freeman and A. P. Jones have each suffered from serious and long-continued illness, but a merciful Father has answered our prayers and restored them to health again. No other pastor has been critically ill.

Pastoral Charges.—Of the twenty-two charges in the district, fifteen were supplied by regular pastors at our last annual Conference. These all remained in the charges to which they were assigned, except W. S. Brackney, who was appointed to Rockwood, but changed by me, in the absence of a Bishop, to Ridgedale a few weeks later. On the return of Bishop Walden, I referred the matter to him for Episcopal sanction. Brother Brackney worked faithfully at Ridgedale until the close of the second quarter, when he vacated the charge for reasons that seemed unavoidable. I filled the vacancy which this caused at Ridgedale with R. C. Weidler, a theological student, and good results have attended his ministry. G. T. Byrd was transferred from the Georgia Conference, and placed in charge at Rockwood, where he has had a successful year. Alton Park has had R. B. Stansell two years, and will be glad to have him returned. Avondale has A. L. Johnson, a member of the Blue Ridge Conference, who is attending Theological School. His service is satisfactory. A. C. Vaughan was transferred from the West Wisconsin Conference and placed in charge at Sherman Heights early in the year. He remained until about May 15, when the Official Board granted his request for an unlimited vacation, on the expressed reason that he was suffering from throat trouble. T. M. Dunkle has been in charge since, and has worked faithfully. I secured E. B. Catlin as supply for Fairmount, where he remained until May 15, but then he accepted a charge in the Virginia Conference. Samuel Crouch supplied the work until July 1, then resigned and went to Missouri. After him, I induced B. F. Whitney to take the place, but he resigned in about fifteen days, and again I began hunting a pastor. After many fruitless efforts to secure one, G. W. Paul, pastor

of Daisy charge, which adjoins Fairmount, kindly consented to give it such time as he could spare till the close of the year. It is almost needless to add that the charge has not made much progress. James Hart was placed in charge of Tracy City as supply, but the circuit is so large and difficult to travel that it was impossible for one man to give the amount of service required, so I added J. T. Byrd as his assistant. Big Lick charge was also left to be supplied, but after an unavailing search for a pastor who would have charge of this work only, I asked J. W. Boling, pastor of Crossville circuit, to divide his time and take charge of this circuit also, which he has done with acceptability, though the amount of labor became so great through the constant growth of Crossville charge that I appointed J. L. Scott as his assistant during the fourth quarter. Waldron is a new town which has been built during the year on Walden's Ridge, a few miles west of Retro. They built a school house, and were ready for Sunday school and church services July 1, so I sent G. G. Stansell to be their pastor. His labors have produced encouraging results.

All the regular pastors have labored faithfully and with a degree of success, some of them even going beyond their strength to advance our beloved Zion. If I should mention all the deserving ones, it would include every pastor in the district.

New Work.—A. P. Jones has added two new appointments to the Jasper charge. S. P. Angel has opened a new appointment and effected an organization as the result of a revival. J. T. Byrd has added three new appointments to the Tracy City charge, at one of which an organization has followed a revival. A. J. Murphy has been preaching at a new appointment a few miles north of Pikeville, and sees encouraging signs for the future. John Sanders has preached when he could spare the time at Montague, a new town near Graysville, and thinks the work should be continued. G. T. Byrd effected an organization and has a good prospect for building a chapel at Pine Grove which is about six miles east of Rockwood. He also conducted a revival and re-organized our church at Eureka, a suburb of Rockwood. J. W. Boling has opened regular appointments at Isolene, Fredonia, Ozone, Waldensia and Daysville, and preaches occasionally at the new appointments of Crab Orchard, Dorton and Renfro. All of these are new towns, except Crab Orchard, and have sprung up along or near the Tennessee Central railroad, in Cumberland County, within the last three years. This new work results from the development of the mineral and timber resources of the great Cumberland Mountain plateau, a region which, in its two parts, is about thirty miles wide, and extends about seventy-five miles across the territory embraced in this district. Up to a few years ago two or three men could care for all of our work among the widely scattered settlements in this section, but recently railroads have been built and towns are springing up around coal mines which are capitalized by persons who are either members or friends of our

Church. The only difficulty that confronts us in maintaining our position in the front rank of the churches occupying this new territory is in securing money with which to carry on the work. If we can furnish the men necessary to care for this work there is good promise for us in the future all over this rapidly growing section, but if we should be forced to abandon the field, or supply it inadequately, we would lose all the marked advantages which we now have, and find it useless to enter the field a few years later.

Revivals.—During the spring and summer we have witnessed a constantly increasing revival spirit. Notable outpourings have occurred at Avondale, 97 conversions; Dayton and Vine Grove, 143; Ridgedale, 120; South Pittsburg, 133; St. James, 120; Rockwood, 458; also on Victoria charge, 90; Graysville, 91; Crossville and Big Lick, 136. Smaller numbers are reported from various other charges, so that nearly every pastor brings sheaves with him. The total number of conversions is 1,514, of accessions to the Church, 878.

Self-Support.—A year ago I recommended that seven places which had been missions for many years be placed on the self-supporting list. None of these was paying more than a bare living, but I believed that the people would do their best to make up for the missionary money which they had been accustomed to receive. The results have been gratifying. Five charges increased their estimates enough to make good the appropriation which they had lost, and the other two only failed to do so because of local burdens or misfortune.

Notable Gatherings.—The bi-centenary of the birth of John Wesley was fittingly observed by the entire district in a meeting at Dayton, May 29-31, also by our local Methodism of Chattanooga in union with the M. E. Church South, on the 19th of June at the City Auditorium. The annual Spring Rally of the Epworth League was held at Highland Park the first week in June. Our local Leagues were strengthened and encouraged, and the district expects much help from the newly organized District Cabinet.

Church Building.—Epworth Chapel, Chattanooga, is nearly completed, at a cost of \$2,200. Copperger's Chapel, in Victoria charge, was dedicated by Dr. J. H. Race, June 7. This chapel has been built at a cost of about \$600, and furnishes church privileges to an isolated community. A gracious revival followed the dedication. Our church at Crossville has erected a commodious chapel at a cost of \$1,000, and as one of the first fruits has just closed a revival in which seventy persons were saved. A year ago our Tabernacle Mission in Chattanooga changed its name to St. James, and with the assistance of the community purchased eight lots on the corner of Rossville and Read avenues for a church site. This is a prominent corner in the center of one of the best parts of the city. Already the Sunday School room of an elegant and commodious church is being erected, to cost \$3,500. Through the wise management and

energetic efforts of the pastor, aided by a hearty local co-operation on the part of our membership and the general public, and by liberal help from our First Church, only about \$1,000 of \$6,250 remains unpaid.

Improvements have been made on the churches at Victoria, Ridgedale and Soddy, aggregating an expenditure of \$1,240. We have bought a comfortable parsonage in Whitwell at a cost of \$500, S. P. Angel, pastor. The parsonage at Daisy has been rebuilt and enlarged, while the basement of the Ridgedale church is doing service as a parsonage. We have bought a lot and part of the material for a church at Ebenezer, on Jasper charge, and lots are secured at Pine Grove, Avondale and Daysville. Ridgedale is rejoicing on account of its emancipation from an indebtedness which has been burdensome through its entire history. In addition to all these efforts at church building, we need at least twenty-five church-houses, most of which could be erected soon if we had the promise of from \$100 to \$250 from the Board of Church Extension.

Salaries and Benevolent Collections.—Every pastor will report his salary and the benevolent collections paid in full. In view the fact that the aggregate of both these estimates is materially increased over last year, and that the farmers are embarrassed because of several poor crops, and that our Conference convenes before they have marketed any considerable part of this year's products, it has been exceedingly difficult to accomplish this result in many places.

The Sunday Schools and the Prayer Meetings are increasingly helpful and regular in their work. The Class Meetings, on the other hand, are but seldom held and even then poorly attended.

I have held eighty-four of the eighty-seven Quarterly Conferences for the year, besides giving personal attention to a large number of other meetings made necessary by the numerous activities of our Church. I have had special help from the president and professors in the Theological School, from the *Advocate-Journal*, and from the officers of the Laymen's Association. We have made a canvass for the *Advocate-Journal*, resulting in 241 new subscribers.

The Professional Schools of Grant University are located at Chattanooga, but they will be reported by the Committee on Education.

J. S. BURNETT, *Presiding Elder.*

CLINTON DISTRICT.

The year just closed has been one of great toil and victory. The times are prosperous financially. No less than six railroads in the Clinton District are being built, and new towns are springing up almost in a night.

The twenty preachers appointed to this field at your last session entered at once upon their work and remained until the close of

the year, the most of them faithfully toiling and sacrificing for the dear Lord's sake, while others seem determined to have an easy time at whatever cost.

The few Epworth Leagues that we have are doing excellent work.

There has been a widespread delusion on the subject of Union Sunday Schools, but in very many places the people are finding out that there is no such thing as union literature, and as a result they are becoming loyal to the publishing interests of their own church.

A few charges deserve special mention. At Clinton a revival so shook the town that the doom of the saloons there was sealed in less than a week, only one man voting to retain them, and that man "a mourner" the very next day. Rev. J. M. Taylor assisted Brother Harmon in this great meeting.

Big Valley circuit witnessed 350 professions, built a neat five-room parsonage, and presented the pastor with a fine horse, to the happiness of Brother A. Eugene Brown, who has served the charge so well.

The Tazewell charge, with twelve churches, has been traveled on foot by Brother A. H. Gragg. Not having as much work as his zeal and faith required, he has organized two new churches and built a church-house, and is still "pushing out into the regions beyond."

Rutledge charge is building a first-class country church, which, when complete, will be worth \$1,600. The Rev. H. B. Ogle, a supernumerary member of our Conference, has had full control of this work in every detail, and to his zeal, influence and great liberality is this fine enterprise due.

A most remarkable victory has been achieved at LaFollette, a thriving new town of 5,000 people, by Rev. Hazen Oaks, the pastor. He has raised this year \$6,000, and will soon have a neat \$15,000 stone church ready for services. There is practically no debt on this building.

Rev. A. S. Beaman, the pastor, has had a good year at Harriman. Every interest of our Zion has been cared for, and remarkable advances have been made. Harriman is an important and promising field for our beloved Methodism. The Tennessee Central railroad runs into the city, and many new enterprises are springing up. No man has a better or stronger influence with his people than Brother Beaman certainly has.

The Rev. A. C. Peters, an honored member of this body, is the founder of the A. B. Wright Institute, at Burrville, Tenn., and has just succeeded in getting it dedicated to the M. E. Church. The institution is located on the Cumberland plateau, and there is no other school of similar grade within fifty miles of it. This building is worth \$3,000, and four acres of land were dedicated by Dr. R. J. Cooke for the educational purposes of the Church in this section,

great interest being manifested by the people. He also dedicated a fine church in Oneida on the 20th of July.

At Deer Lodge, in the Sunbright circuit, a new church was dedicated by Dr. Cooke, no debt being on the building.

Rev. Geo. E. Morse, pastor at Jellico, has had a year of great financial prosperity.

Our District Conference was a success in all respects. Three bright young men were licensed to preach, and three were recommended for admission on trial into this body, and six for local Deacon's orders. We feel that we must have these men ordained in order that the work can go forward. There are whole sections of this district where no one can administer the sacraments of the Church except the Presiding Elder.

The district has acquired in church and school property this year \$11,800 worth of new property, and not by re-estimating values. The advance last year was \$9,600 in new property; in two years, \$21,400. In the year 1890 we had \$31,900 worth of property in the district. We now have \$61,975, an increase of \$30,075 in thirteen years, but \$21,400 of this has been made during the last two years. So much for prosperous times and for faithful, earnest and practical work. More than one-third of all this property has been acquired in two years.

Thirteen years ago we paid for ministerial support \$3,075; this year, \$7,997; an increase of \$4,922, but \$4,190 advance has been made in the last two years. Who said that Methodism could not succeed in this territory?

There have been 1,200 professions and 683 accessions. Increase for this year for all benevolent causes is 122 per cent. Pastors paid in full. Brethren, let us trust in God and go forward.

ISAAC H. MILLER, *Presiding Elder.*

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

We have looked forward to the closing of this Conference year with a greater degree of interest than any former year since we have been connected with the district work as Presiding Elder. There are reasons for our being especially interested; one is, that last year was the best financially that we have ever had; another is, because of the great number of revivals that were held and the large number of conversions and additions, while the Minutes of our Conference show a falling off in church membership.

When we entered upon our work at the beginning of the Conference year now closed, we saw that if last year's record was excelled we must do something. I have never seen pastors work harder or show more enthusiasm than have the pastors of the Greeneville District this year, and we have results that prove that our labor has not been in vain. It was our aim to surpass last year's record in every respect, and we think we have done so.

Our district includes the greater part of the ten upper counties of the State and is numerically the largest in the Conference. Of the 17 pastoral charges, 14 are circuits and three are stations. All these have been served by members of the Conference except three, which were supplied from the local ranks.

No serious illness has interfered with any of our pastors except one, Brother T. H. Hodge, who has been sick most of the Conference year, but has gone to his appointments when he was scarcely able to ride. We are glad to note that his health is greatly improved.

The Educational Interest. — We are glad to note progress along educational lines. Our denominational schools have done exceedingly well. They are composed of Wesleyan Academy, Oakland Seminary, Parrottsville Seminary, and Bloomingdale Seminary.

Wesleyan Academy is located at Chucky City, on the Knoxville division of the Southern Railway, eighty-five miles east of Knoxville and forty-five miles west of Bristol. This school has been under the management of Prof. S. H. Thompson since March, 1899, within which time the enrollment has grown from 50 to 124. It was our pleasure to be at the opening of this school, August 24, and to listen to two excellent addresses by Dr. J. H. Race and Prof. Burkhart. It was a splendid beginning and from the present outlook this year will surpass any year in its history. The rooms of this school building have been nicely repapered and painted. Prof. Thompson is doing a good work at Wesleyan Academy, and is, we think, the right man for that place.

Oakland Seminary is located at Baileyton, Greene County, about fourteen miles north of Greeneville. The building and grounds of this seminary are valued at about \$10,000. Last year 268 students were enrolled, and this year they had a good opening. Prof. E. M. Ellison has been elected president of this institution, and we bespeak for this school a very prosperous year. Prof. Ellison is a splendid educator, a very strong young man, and we congratulate this school upon securing him for its president.

Parrottsville Seminary, located at Parrottsville, seven miles north of Newport, is doing a splendid work under the management of Prof. Rule, a very excellent young man. Last year this school enrolled 175 students, and they have opened up splendidly this year.

Bloomingdale Seminary, under the management of Prof. Joseph H. Ketron for so many years, has since his death been under the control of the Rev. S. G. Ketron. This school property all belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is worth about \$18,000. The principal of Bloomingdale Seminary has secured \$1,400 towards the erection of a splendid edifice in honor of the late Prof. Joseph H. Ketron, former principal. This building will be completed within the next twelve months.

Spiritual Condition of the District. — Much depends on the spirituality of the church. If a church is spiritually-minded it usually

bears the stamp of success upon it. Lack of spirituality means failure. The most of our pastors have held revivals during the year, with the following results: Fall Branch circuit, 143 conversions and 99 additions; Chucky City circuit, 161 conversions, 70 additions; Bloomingdale circuit, 60 conversions and 40 additions; Elizabethton, 14 conversions, 6 additions; Rogersville circuit, 15 conversions, 3 additions; Surgoinsville circuit, 75 conversions, 32 additions; Mountain City circuit, 90 conversions, 65 additions; Greeneville circuit, 130 conversions, 40 additions; Parrottsville circuit, 50 conversions, 6 additions; Oakland circuit, 59 conversions, 51 additions; Greeneville station, 150 conversions, 52 additions; Butler circuit, 14 conversions, 3 additions; Johnson City circuit, 52 conversions, 68 additions; Johnson City station, — conversions, 25 additions; Sneedville circuit, 80 conversions, 25 additions; Jonesboro circuit, 67 conversions, 62 additions; making a total of 1,160 conversions, 650 additions.

Finances.—The financial state of the district is the best in its history. Every charge has paid its pastor's claim in full. This has been brought about only by persistent effort and by more system. The officers of the Laymen's Association have assisted in this work. The apportionment for ministerial support for this year was \$7,699. The district has paid for ministerial support this year, including house rent, \$7,797. Our benevolences are far in advance of last year. The Rev. Ernest Caldwell, of the Foo Chow Mission, was with us for several days at the first of the year and rendered valuable assistance in raising our apportionment and arousing a greater interest in the work in the foreign missionary fields. His lecture on China was greatly appreciated by all who heard it. We have raised for benevolences \$1,280, an increase over last year of \$400.

Church Enterprises.—Several churches begun last year have been completed. The good people of Mountain City, led by their pastor, the Rev. G. S. Bales, are to begin the erection of a \$4,000 church building. Brother Bales has secured in good subscriptions almost the entire amount needed to erect this building. Brother Bales deserves much praise for the effort he is making to complete this enterprise. Two churches on the Jonesboro circuit have been dedicated by Brother Ruble. We believe we can safely assert that we have the best church buildings, taken on an average, of any district in the Conference. We have no First churches, but good substantial churches on each charge. A considerable sum has been spent on repairing church buildings and parsonages and paying off old indebtedness.

The Sunday School and Epworth League interests continue to increase.

As to my own work as Presiding Elder, I have been just as busy as a man could well be. I have filled all of my appointments except two, have written more letters to official members than I have done any previous year, have traveled 3,900 miles, have preached 115

times, made 300 visits, held one District Conference at Chucky City, July 23. This Conference was well attended, all the pastors being present except three, two of whom were detained on account of sickness. We had a number of visiting brethren with us: Drs. Cooke and Newcomb and Brothers Petty, Hickman, Patten, Fisher and Wood. We were delighted with the address and sermons by our visitors. It seemed to us that the pastors had prepared themselves to discuss every subject. No time was lost in the discussion of a single topic.

We have held two camp meetings, assisted by the pastors and others. At Sulphur Springs campground the attendance was very large, especially so on Sunday and Monday. Drs. Race and Caldwell, Brothers Petty, Hickman and Rowe did the greater part of the preaching. The services all through were the most spiritual that we have ever seen at Sulphur Springs.

We believe the time was never more opportune than at this present day for our Methodism in East Tennessee. We have more sympathizers, more people ready to help us, and fewer enemies than since the reorganization of our Church in this country. Our laymen are becoming more interested and more willing to do than I have ever seen them. Our church literature is more easily circulated. On some charges the subscriptions for the *Methodist Advocate-Journal* have been doubled this year.

Some localities in this East Tennessee country have taken on new life: Johnson City, for instance. Since the government has commenced the erection of a home for old soldiers in that place the population has increased about 3,000, and as the town grows so does the church, and one of the most important appointments to be made at this Conference is the one for Johnson City, for this town is attracting more attention than any other town of its size in the South.

We are thankful to a gracious Providence for the favors during the year now past.

G. T. FRANCISCO, *Presiding Elder.*

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The memoirs of Brother P. H. Scarborough, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Watkins were not handed to the Secretary.

The report of the Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District never came to the Secretary's hands.

Please remember our friends who have advertised in this book and give them the benefit of your trade.

J. H. AMIS, SECRETARY.

Report of the Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, Holston
Conference M. E. Church, September 23, 1903.

The Knoxville District closes the present conference year with her face to the front and to the rising sun. She has as usual made some progress and won some victories. Encouraged and confident she anticipates still brighter days and greater achievements.

There have been about 800 conversions, and a net increase in the number of members and probationers of 600; or of full members alone the net increase has been 500, with 400 probationers still on the rolls. The members and probationers received have been the results of zealous revivals held by our own pastors, aided by our local preachers and exhorters and other faithful Christian workers. But a large number of the converts in our revivals go for membership into churches of other denominations, as a comparison of the figures representing conversions and accessions, and other facts, will show. And so, the good resulting from our work is far greater than the gain in membership would indicate.

Quite a good deal in the aggregate has been done in the district the way of building, and repairs and improvements on our church and parsonage property, the total thus expended being about \$3,300, indicating a thrifty condition and a progressive spirit among our churches and people. Two new churches are awaiting dedication. One begun over a year ago at Stinnett by Rev. G. W. McMahan, one of our worthy local preachers. This church and the pastoral charge with which it is connected are the direct result of the holy zeal and energetic management of this one good man. Very appropriately the people in the neighborhood have named the church McMahan's Chapel. The other church referred to is at Caton's Grove on the Newport Circuit. This is the best church on the Circuit, and so far

as my knowledge extends the best country church in the county. Bro. T. W. Brown, the pastor, has by his unwearied diligence ably seconded the efforts of the brethren at that place in pushing this church to its present almost readiness for dedication. Both of these houses would have been dedicated before conference but that some needed aid from the Board of Church Extension could not be obtained until our conference collections can be reported and placed to our credit at Philadelphia.

We have not had many debts this year to trouble us, but the few we have had have been large enough and with us long enough to make us immensely glad and thankful to bid them good-bye. Our new church at Lonsdale, built two years ago, but not dedicated because of inability at that time to pay the more than \$200 debt incurred in its construction, has under the inspiring leadership of Bro. J. A. Baker, the pastor, just freed itself from that encumbrance. The house was dedicated last Sunday by the Rev. J. M. Melear, assisted by the pastor and by the pastors of our city churches. And this splendid church in

which we are holding our present conference session has for years been struggling with a heavy debt. But it, too, has during the year celebrated its emancipation from that burden, having with due ceremony and with devout thanksgiving burned the notes and mortgage to the amount of \$8,536. The members of the official board and the people generally did grandly in achieving this deliverance, but they themselves say that the credit is mainly due the pastor, Dr. C. M. Hall whose good management and hard work all through the financial campaign, by the blessing of God, brought them through in triumph. This leaves all our churches in the district that are now in use, so far as the facts are known to me, free from debt.

But an advance step at one point brings us a new debt which may serve as a very slight check on our possibly too great self felicitation over our great success in ridding ourselves from such encumbrance. Our friends at Morristown at the beginning of the year purchased neat and comfortable parsonage property for \$1,000; paying in cash \$275, the balance to be paid in annual installments. But as the year outlay in meeting these payments is only a little more than they had previously been paying in rent for a temporary home for their pastor they feel that they are both safe and fortunate in the new deal.

Time does not permit me to speak of the work of the pastors individually and in detail, but two changes in the organization of the district since last conference must be noted. By authority given me by Bishop Walden two appointments were taken from the Thorntree Grove circuit and one from the Holston circuit at the beginning of the year and constituted a separate charge called Kodak, and Rev. J. J. Cardwell, one of our superannuated members assigned to it as pastor. The other matter to be mentioned relates to Rev. E. H. McLaughlin. At the last conference he was appointed by Bishop Walden to the Knoxville circuit. At the time of his appointment he was employed in a drug store in this city, and on taking charge of the circuit he still continued in the store. About the middle of the year he wrote me indicating a desire to be relieved from all pastoral work and responsibility on the circuit, but wishing still to continue in charge and to fulfill the regular Sunday appointments. He also stated that in case I should have to give up the work he would leave the church entirely. My answer was a refusal to consent to his proposition with regard to the care of the circuit, together with a request that in pursuance of his purpose to withdraw from the church he send me his letter of withdrawal and his parchments. He gave up the work, and his letter of withdrawal is now in my possession. The circuit thus thrown into my hands was supplied by the appointment of Rev. W. G. Sliger, local preacher, as pastor; and he has served with very good satisfaction through the remaining half of the year. All the other pastors began with the beginning of the year and have continued to the end and have done good, effective service.

The Holston Seminary at New Market, an institution under the auspices of the conference, had the misfortune to lose its buildings by fire in December, 1901, as stated in my report last year. The trustees are now rebuilding, and the conference would do well to give some

attention to the interests we have in the school. A report from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees will be placed in the hands of our Committee on Education.

Murphy College at Sevierville, Tenn., is one of our most flourishing conference schools. It is more prosperous now than at any time in its history. The enrollment last year numbered 371, and the present session has opened with a larger attendance than that of last year. Improvements have been made on the buildings and grounds to the amount of \$350, adding very much to the comfort and good appearance of the property. The Rev. J. S. Jones, the pastor of the Sevierille circuit, is also the president of the college, and fills both positions with great satisfaction, both to the church and to the trustees and friends of the school.

In not a few places in the district the need and the value of money for the service of God and for the support and extension of His kingdom are not well understood. Nor is the blessedness appreciated which, through the favor of God, comes upon His people who honor Him with their substance. Some, in fact, appear to regard the question of any financial support of the pastor and of the benevolences, as a matter to be determined by their own convenience or pleasure rather than one of clearly defined religious obligation. This operates very seriously against the collection of the benevolences as well as against the adequate support of the ministry. Nevertheless, by the liberality and earnest efforts of our many other better informed and better disposed members and friends every pastor in the district, except three, has received his salary. Toward the attainment of this result some encouraging aid has been extended in a few cases through the wisely directed generosity of a few noble laymen. J. O. Lotspeich, J. A. Fowler, C. L. Parham and W. C. Bradley, of this city; W. B. Townsend, of Townsend, and J. A. Patten, of Chattanooga.

The pastors have also done well with the collections. Some of the weaker and more backward charges were offered slight financial encouragement on condition that with it they should pay their apportionments in full. This proposed aid came from the same generous gentlemen mentioned above, and had a very stimulating effect, as in the case of the salaries. The entire sum thus used to help on the salaries and on the benevolences was about \$180. Of the twenty-one pastors in the district twenty report the collection of the amounts apportioned to their charges for all the benevolences. The names of these pastors are entitled to mention in the Roll of Honor. They are

B. McKenzie, J. A. Baker, W. T. Senter, J. M. Emert, W. F. Atts, C. M. Hall, J. M. Melear, W. G. Sliger, J. L. Cardwell, J. W. McGee, R. L. Stapleton, J. M. Durham, J. D. Robertson, T. W. Townsend, M. A. Rule, R. C. Robertson, J. S. Jones, G. W. McMahan, S. Strange and E. R. Branam. The one pastor who failed to reach the collections the full amounts apportioned to his charge is nevertheless entitled to great credit for the faithful efforts put forth, although falling short of the full amounts. Notwithstanding this one charge falls a little below its full apportionment, the district as a whole pays every apportionment in full for all the several benevolences, including

the episcopal fund, the fund for the conference claimants, and amount apportioned for general conference expenses.

The total salary account for the district, paid this year, stands \$10,456, as against \$10,066 last year, a gain of \$391.

And the total for all benevolences including the episcopal fund for the conference claimants, and the sum for general conference expenses, and the W. F. and the W. H. M. Societies, other collections, is \$2,966, as against \$2,559 for the same purpose last year, a gain of \$478. To these figures must be added the sum paid on indebtedness, and for building and improvements, \$9,912. Total for salaries, benevolences, and building and improvements, and debts is \$23,298, \$7,517 over last year.

Brief mention ought to be made of the joint Bicentennial Celebration of the birth of John Wesley, participated in by the ministers and members of both Methodisms, in the city of Knoxville. We gave an invitation, and it was most cordially accepted by the Presiding Elder and city pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

All these services were attended by large congregations. The addresses were of a very high order. The Song Service and the Lord's Feast were exceedingly interesting and profitable. The closing service at the University Auditorium on Sunday night drew an immense audience, and the two Bishops—Bishop Goodsell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, fully sustained their well known reputation as great platform orators. The services throughout the week were in every way most delightful, and worthy of the two great churches under whose auspices they were held, and made a profound and unfavorable impression.

Of my own work only a very brief statement is necessary. Time and strength and service have been devoted to the work of the district throughout the year, and it has been my great pleasure to present in person at all the Quarterly Conferences on every charge in the district.

For the pastors as a body it ought to be said, and it is a pleasure and a joy to say it, that they are a noble set of men, self-denying, hard-working, faithful, Godly men. To be with them in the struggle and toil has been a delight. To them and their families and to the good people of the district everywhere my gratitude is due, and my heart is knit in brotherly love, and upon them all it is my prayer that the Divine blessing may forever abide.

J. J. MANKER,
Presiding Elder.

Statistics No. 1.—Athens District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

Statistics No. 1.—Chattanooga District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

NAMES OF CHARGES.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		BAPTISMS		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		CHURCH PROPERTY		PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS ON CHURCH PROPERTY	
		No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deacons	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	No. of Persons	Paid for Building Churches and Parsonages.
Alton Park.....	1	57	71	2	1	12	100	1	\$2,000	\$1,200	\$10,000
Avondale.....	18	184	1	2	4	11	125	1	1,200	400	38,000
Big Lick.....	24	25	3	3	3	24	214	2	400	1	8,000
Chattanooga Epworth.....	8	733	3	6	6	10	75	1	1,500	504	650
First Church.....	35	48	2	4	25	51	504	1	65,000	1	1393
" St. James.....	20	42	56	2	4	25	13	125	1	7,500	6250
Crossville.....	13	257	2	1	4	6	4	14	150	1	1,500
Daisy.....	4	165	1	2	2	38	2	20	250	4	2,500
Dayton and Vine Grove.....	3	18	1	1	1	31	2	18	240	2	5,200
Farmount.....	10	287	1	4	3	31	6	7	50	1	600
Graysville.....	7	162	1	1	1	31	6	30	245	6	3,700
Highland Park.....	5	64	1	1	1	31	1	20	150	1	2,960
Hill City.....	12	159	1	4	8	5	1	14	120	1	2,800
Jasper.....	26	170	2	1	1	8	5	40	285	5	1,200
Morgan Springs.....		170	1	2	1	9	60	399	2	1,000	1000
Pikeville.....		250	1	1	1	83	5	5	200	4	2,600
Rockwood & Spring City.....	72	55	10	5	5	40	40	13	270	3	4,400
Ridgevalley.....	17	86	1	1	1	5	1	13	125	1	3,500
Sherman Heights.....	7	100	1	14	25	1	11	12	144	1	3,500
South Pittsburgh.....	28	138	2	3	20	6	18	20	130	1	3,000
Tracy City.....	21	311	4	1	1	50	3	20	230	3	1,300
Victoria.....	65								200	4	2,100
Total.....	438	3,566	24	26	49	326	63	484	4,331	47	\$11,460,111 \$12,000,111 \$492,111

Statistics No. 1.—Clinton District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

Statistics No. 1.—Greeneville District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

RECAPITULATION.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	BAPTISMS	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS	CHURCH PROPERTY															
			No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deacons	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	No. of Persons	Paid for Building Charges and Parsonages and Properties on Old Indebtedness	Paid on Old Indebtedness	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
DISTRICTS			197	4,067	28	43	28	130	58	367	2,989	76	\$ 55,566	7	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,590	\$ 90	\$ 400
Athens District.....	438	3,566	24	26	49	326	63	484	4,331	47	119,460	11	12,000	11	11,865	422	2,169	2,169
Chattanooga District.....	325	3,950	30	34	25	184	58	387	3,087	70	59,620	9	4,950	7	7,067	65	2,505	2,505
Clinton District	282	6,514	27	76	61	264	74	445	5,354	88	94,100	9	9,850	2	2,091	140	374	374
Greeneville District	477	5,385	27	64	42	234	60	522	4,045	69	146,800	8	5,450	2	2,046	8,741	825	825
Knoxville District	1,719	23,482	136	243	205	1,138	313	2,205	19,806	350	\$475,546	44	\$35,500	5	25,659	\$9,458	\$ 6,273	\$ 6,273
{1903... 1902...}	22,305	1,379	126	271	216	731	308	2,206	18,664	338	448,715	39	35,840	17	17,024	2,537	11,049	11,049
Increase	340	1,177	10	28	11	....	407	5	....	1	1,142	12	\$27,831	5	....	\$8,635	\$6,921	\$4,776
Decrease .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	\$340	....	....

Statistics No. 3.—Athens District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				Deiciencies	Amount Paid	Amount Appropriated	Support of P. Elders.	Support of Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS	CURRENT EXPENSES							
		Claims.		Receipts															
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary														
Athens	J. J. Robinette	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 969	\$ 95							
Athens Circuit.....	M. C. Bruner.....	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	5	5	574	20							
Chatata Circuit.....	Henry M. Hawk..	50	50	50	275	50	325	75	5	39	365	2							
Cleveland	D. G. Pile	600	75	675	600	75	675	75	60	60	740	25							
Decatur	J. F. Perry.....	275	275	275	235	40	235	40	45	2	282	4							
Ducktown	J. H. Amis.....	600	600	600	601	.....	601	.....	60	40	4	4					
East Cleveland	E. M. Pippin	175	30	205	175	30	205	30	25	2	232	10							
Ebenezer.....	J. W. Cardwell....	320	15	335	320	15	335	15	50	2	387	16							
Erie	C. D. Hoyl	175	.....	175	175	.....	175	.....	50	2	217	10				
Kingston	T. G. Chase.....	350	50	400	350	50	400	50	40	4	444	20							
London	W. S. Grant.....	500	100	600	450	100	550	50	50	5	605	16							
Madisonville.....	M. H. Monroe.....	375	50	425	375	50	425	50	50	4	479	5							
Maryville	B. M. Martin.....	720	.....	720	720	.....	720	.....	66	8	794	30				
Maryville Circuit...	A. M. Rose, J. S. Best	510	.....	510	440	.....	440	70	50	4	488	10					
North Athens	R. E. Ayres .....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	15	.....	20	8	1	24		
West Cleveland....	D. E. Sullivan.....	183	.....	183	183	.....	183	.....	25	24	2	208				
Total		6,483	370	6,853	6,154	370	6,531	235	771	699	60	7,393							

Statistics No. 3.—Chattanooga District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

Statistics No. 3.—Clinton District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.				CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS				CURRENT EXPENSES				
		Claims		Receipts		Support of P. Elders		Support of Bishops		Total Support Past. & Bishops		Total Suppliers and Bishops		Liggett, Sexton, etc., Lessor
		House Rent	Total	Salary	Total	House Rent	Total	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Paid	Other Source Rec'd from	Total	Leaves, etc.
Andersonville.....	B. C. Taylor.....	\$ 400	\$ 50	\$ 450	\$ 400	\$ 50	\$ 450	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 492	\$ 3	\$ 86
Big Valley.....	A. E. Browne.....	350	.....	350	.....	350	.....	40	1	391	1	1	25	25
Burrville.....	A. C. Peters.....	260	.....	260	.....	260	.....	40	2	302	9	9	50	50
Elk Valley.....	F. M. Reynolds	200	.....	200	.....	200	.....	30	30	230	.....	.....	1	15
Harriman.....	A. S. Beaman.....	800	.....	800	.....	800	.....	44	2	848	6	6	150	45
Jacksboro	A. Y. Snively.....	195	.....	195	.....	195	.....	32	2	229	2	2	25	15
Jellico.....	George E. Morse.....	600	150	750	600	150	750	60	3	819	30	30	68	61
Jellico Circuit.....	C. L. Pouliston.....	110	.....	110	.....	110	.....	30	30	140	6	6	6	6
LaFollette	Hazzan Oaks.....	600	120	720	600	120	720	40	2	762	5	5	50	40
Maynardville	G. W. Clendennen.....	200	.....	200	.....	200	.....	32	1	233	.....	.....	44	64
Newcomb	S. V. Lowe.....	440	.....	440	.....	440	.....	44	4	488	8	8	4	28
New River	T. R. West.....	400	25	425	400	25	425	50	3	478	4	4	28	14
Oliver Springs	L. B. Clark.....	250	.....	250	.....	250	.....	36	2	288	2	2	2	3
Rutledge	H. W. McKenzie.....	300	18	318	300	18	318	50	2	369	3	3	3	3
Scarboro	Luther Clear.....	150	50	200	171	50	221	36	1	258	1	1	5	10
Sunbright	W. L. Oliver	275	100	375	275	100	375	40	3	418	2	2	25	30
Tazewell	A. H. Gragg.....	350	.....	350	.....	350	.....	50	1	401	2	2	15	15
Well Spring.....	C. W. Miller.....	255	24	279	255	24	279	37	1	317	4	4	45	100
Clinton Station	J. C. Harmon.....	405	100	505	405	100	505	50	3	548	4	4	45	100
Total.....		6,540	637	7,177	6,561	637	7,198	781	35	8,011	86	86	620	571

Statistics No. 3.—Greeneville District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT			CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS			CURRENT EXPENSES		
		Claims	Receipts	Total	Support of P. Elders	Support Bishops	Total Support P. As- tors, Pres'g Elders and Bishops	Other Sourc. Re'd fm	Church, Susten- tation, Etc.	Leaves, etc., S. S. Lesson,
Bloomingdale.....	S. G. Ketron.....	\$ 360	\$ 40	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 40	\$ 400	\$ 2	\$ 100	\$ 40
Butler.....	A. Bunn.....	125	125	131	131	50	20	151	25	25
Chucky City.....	Thos. D. Rowe.....	600	50	650	600	50	55	1	706	5
Elizabethton.....	F. M. Cones.....	350	350	350	350	350	36	3	389	5
Fall Branch.....	Albert C. Ketron.....	490	490	490	490	490	55	4	549	3
Greeneville.....	L. B. Caldwell.....	700	150	750	700	150	850	6	892	15
Greeneville Ct.....	W. S. Bandy.....	550	550	550	550	550	50	4	604	5
Johnson City.....	J. A. Ruble.....	600	150	750	600	150	750	6	806	10
Johnson City Ct.....	James Osborn.....	190	190	190	190	190	20	1	211	1
Jonesboro.....	G. W. Matney.....	485	50	535	485	50	535	36	572	2
Mountain City.....	George S. Bales.....	450	75	525	525	75	600	3	659	8
Parrottsville.....	Thos. S. Walker.....	300	300	300	300	300	50	3	353	2
Rogersville.....	J. C. Hodge.....	130	130	130	130	130	20	1	151	1
Sneedville.....	R. E. Walker.....	190	190	190	190	190	26	1	216	10
Oakland.....	George B. Cox.....	440	30	470	440	30	470	4	518	10
Surgoinsville.....	D. T. Lawson.....	230	230	230	230	230	25	1	256	1
Watauga.....	T. H. Hodge.....	200	22	222	97	22	119	103	20	140
Total		6,390	567	6,957	6,368	567	6,935	103	633	639
									41	7,615
										72
										766
										588

Deficiencies paid by Layman's Association \$103

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT				CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS				CURRENT EXPENSES	
		Claims		Receipts		Support P. Elders		Support Bishops		Leaves, etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deferrements	Total	Deferrements	Other Source	Church, Fuel, etc.
Dandridge.....	A. B. McKenzie..	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 50	\$ 456	\$ 18	\$ 30
Fair Garden.....	A. G. Cadle.....	352	352	294	294	294	294	50	336	10	10
Holston.....	W. T. Senter.....	225	225	225	225	225	225	40	268	10	20
Knoxville, Asylum St.....	J. M. Emert.....	600	150	750	600	750	50	50	805	20	110
" East Main St.....	W. F. Pitts.....	300	96	396	300	96	396	25	423	8	50
" First Church Chas M. Hall.....	1,700	300	2,000	1,700	300	2,000	300	25	2,325	101	1,214
" Luttrell St.....	J. M. Melear.....	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	75	15	1,190	50
Knoxville Ct.....	W. G. Sliger	180	180	180	180	180	180	40	4	184	10
Little River.....	J. W. McGee.....	400	50	450	400	50	450	40	5	495	15
Kodak.....	J. L. Cardwell.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	40	2	102	3
Morristown.....	Robt. L. Stapleton	468	82	550	495	82	577	40	8	625	25
Morristown Ct.....	J. M. Durham.....	215	215	215	215	215	215	25	2	242	10
New Salem.....	M. A. Rule.....	400	24	424	400	24	424	40	31	460	20
Newport.....	J. D. Roberson.....	525	75	600	525	75	600	40	8	648	25
Newport Ct.....	Thos. W. Brown.....	173	173	101	101	72	28	20	2	123	5
Pigeon Forge.....	R. C. Robertson....	215	215	215	215	215	215	32	4	251	20
Sevierville.....	J. S. Jones.....	700	700	700	700	700	65	5	770	20	75
Stinnett.....	G. W. McMahan.....	115	115	115	115	115	115	20	1	136	3
Thorn Grove.....	J. S. Strange.....	300	300	230	300	230	230	35	3	261	15
Tuckaleechee.....	E. R. Braman.....	300	300	350	300	350	40	3	393	10	24
Elm Grove & Lonsdale.....	J. A. Baker.....	250	250	275	250	275	275	20	3	298	5
Total.....		9,018	777	9,795	8,920	777	9,697	200	1,025	988	408
										113	2,306
										10,791	696

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.			Support of P. Elders	Amount Paid Appportioned	Amount Paid Appportioned	Deiciencies	Total Salary	House Rent	House Rent	Support of P. Elders	Amount Paid Appportioned	Other source Rec'd from	Total	Church, Sexton, &c. Leaves, etc.	S. S. Lesson	CURRENT EXPENSES
	Claims		Receipts														
Athens District	\$6,483	\$ 370	\$6,853	\$6,164	\$ 370	\$6,531	235	\$ 771	\$ 699	\$ 65	\$ 60	\$ 7,393	\$ 219	13	\$ 232	\$ 579	\$ 452
Chattanooga District.....	9,140	1,183	10,423	9,809	1,183	10,992	....	993	1,015	83	78	12,085	263	..	263	3,937	1,425
Clinton District.....	6,540	637	7,177	6,561	637	7,198	....	781	781	35	40	8,011	86	..	86	620	571
Greeneville District.....	6,390	567	6,957	6,368	567	6,935	103	638	639	40	41	7,615	72	..	72	766	588
Knoxville District.....	9,018	777	9,795	8,920	777	9,697	200	1,025	988	113	113	10,791	403	5	408	2,306	696
Totals, 1903.....	37,571	3,534	41,205	37,822	3,534	41,353	538	4,203	4,122	336	332	45,895	1,043	18	1,061	8,208	3,732
Totals, 1902.....	34,911	2,800	37,362	34,252	2,775	37,028	531	3,964	3,934	327	313	40,130	600	41	641	8,097	3,716
Increase.....	2,660	734	3,843	3,570	759	4,325	7	239	178	9	19	5,765	443	..	420	211	16
Decrease.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....

Salary deficiencies met by Layman's Association.....\$538..... \$52

Statistics No. 4.—Athens District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Statistics No. 4.—Chattanooga District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES	MISSIONS										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	(a) Church					(b) Sunday School					EDUCATION					GENERAL EXPENSES					CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		BISHOPICAL FUND		TOTAL
Alton Park.....	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 15	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 33			
Avondale.....	16	4	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	40			
Big Lick.....	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	18			
Chattanooga Epworth.....	10	10	10	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	22			
" First Church.....	330	130	460	75	10	10	1,440	54	10	335	85	8,263	35	130	35	10,942									
" St. James.....	10	10	20	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	45			
Crossville.....	15	15	15	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32			
Daisy.....	35	35	35	5	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62			
Dayton and Vine Grove.....	20	25	45	10	2	1	10	10	10	2	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	84			
Fairmount.....	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3			
Graysville.....	60	60	60	6	2	1	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	96			
Highland Park.....	180	40	170	15	1	2	25	10	10	1	1	27	43	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	333			
Hill City.....	45	15	60	7	3	2	7	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	99			
Jasper.....	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23			
Morgan Springs.....	15	11	26	3	3	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56			
Pikeville.....	28	28	5	10	6	6	14	14	14	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	42			
Rockwood and Spring City.....	17	23	40	10	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100			
Ridgedale.....	4	6	10	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22			
Sherman Heights.....	13	17	30	4	1	1	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	59			
South Pittsburg.....	8	36	44	4	2	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	73			
Tracy City.....	10	10	10	2	5	3	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	18			
Victoria.....	15	10	25	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	58			
Total	807	844	1,151	179	49	87	1,554	89	89	870	92	8,303	78	985	80	985	80	985	80	985	80	985			

Statistics No. 4.—Clinton District, Holston Conference, for 1903.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

	Missions										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	(a) Church					(b) Sunday Schools					EDUCATION					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.				
	Total	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Preadmen's Aid and Sabbath Day Society	(a) Public Ed. & Education	(b) Children's Education	Church Fund	Womans Foreign Mission Society	Womans Home Mission Society	Total Other Religious	General Expenses	*Conference Expenses	Claimitants	*Episcopal Fund	Total					
Andersonville.....	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ 12	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 25
Big Valley.....	10	10	5	20	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Burville.....	20	20	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	180
Elk Valley.....	10	10	20	20	60	2	1	2	6	6	1	4	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	10
Harriman.....	40	20	20	20	20	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110
Jacksboro.....	70	70	17	17	17	2	2	2	58	3	5	1	1	1	46	6	6	6	6	355
Jellico.....	17	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	236
Jellico Circuit.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23
LaFollette.....	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	94
Maynardville.....	37	3	40	4	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Newcomb.....	17	17	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67
New River.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
Oliver Springs.....	10	10	10	10	10	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Rutledge.....	13	13	13	13	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Scarboro.....	8	16	24	24	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27
Sunbright.....	9	9	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Tazewell.....	18	18	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26
Well Springs.....	12	3	15	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101
Clinton.....	12	3	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101
Total	305	64	369	53	14	10	81	15	17	11	10	90	247	21	89	39	39	39	1,066	

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NAMES OF CHARGES		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
Missions	Total	(a) Church Secondary School	(b) Church Secondary School	Total	Board of Church Extensioin	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Redemen's Aid and Southern Baptist Society	EDUCATION	(a) Public Education	(b) Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Womans' Foreign Mission Society	Womans' Home Mission Society	Total Other Be- neficien'ts	General Expen'es	Conferene'e Climateants	*Bpiscopal Fund	Total
Bloomingdale.....	\$ 15	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	4	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 40	\$ 5
Butler.....	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	81	81
Chucky City.....	60	5	45	10	1	1	1	1	8	1	5	1	1	1	3	5	3	85	85
Elizabethhton.....	60	5	45	15	1	1	1	1	20	10	10	1	1	1	3	3	4	120	120
Fall Branch.....	197	20	217	7	1	1	1	1	10	7	7	1	14	14	8	15	6	288	288
Greeneville.....	55	18	73	8	1	1	1	1	12	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	5	4
Greeneville Circuit.....	37	33	70	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	100	100
Johnson City.....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	123
Johnson City Circuit.....	40	40	10	1	1	1	1	1	25	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	19	19
Jonesboro.....	30	40	70	12	1	1	1	1	20	5	8	1	2	34	5	8	3	90	90
Mountain City.....	7	7	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	1	2	3	56	56
Parrottsville.....	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	18
Rogersville.....	3	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Sevierville.....	40	40	18	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	10	4	70	70
Oakland.....	18	18	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	25
Durginville.....	18	18	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	9	9
Watauga.....	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	41	41
Total.....	617	121	738	89	19	11	113	24	38	12	24	45	36	38	73	41	1,302		

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BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAME OF CHARGES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	MISsions	Sunday School	Chuch	(a)	Sunday School	(b)	Extention	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	Education
Dandridge.....	\$ 50	\$ 5	\$ 50	\$ 8	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 20	\$ 4	\$ 20	\$ 4
Fair Garden.....	73	78	10	1	1	2	1	15	1	18	6
Holston.....	20	20	4	3	2	6	2	6	2	10	2
Knoxville, Asylum St.....	75	75	10	5	4	15	1	2	80	3	10
" East Main St.....	15	15	5	2	1	15	1	13	10	20	5
" First Church.....	323	118	451	85	10	5	105	20	78	75	25
" Luttrell St.....	138	52	190	40	5	3	110	10	61	100	15
Knoxville Circuit.....	60	60	7	3	2	10	10	10	1	4	10
Little River.....	60	5	65	8	5	3	10	10	2	2	5
Kodak.....	10	10	3	2	1	5	5	5	1	5	5
Morristown.....	80	10	90	12	3	2	30	6	2	3	2
Morristown Circuit.....	31	4	35	3	3	2	7	7	2	8	25
New Salem.....	55	5	60	10	3	2	22	3	2	2	10
Newport.....	70	20	90	12	5	3	30	1,668	4	5	20
Newport Circuit.....	30	30	3	2	2	5	10	10	1	2	5
Pigeon Forge.....	35	35	9	3	3	2	12	12	2	4	20
Sevierville.....	53	22	75	10	1	1	30	9	2	350	5
Stimnett.....	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	3
Thorn Grove.....	6	24	30	5	4	3	6	6	2	3	16
Tuckaleechee.....	7	8	15	3	3	2	1	4	2	3	3
Elm Grove and Lonsdale.....	20	20	3	2	2	1	4	4	1	1	5
Total.....	1,226	273	1,499	253	69	45	470	4,700	35	47182	78
										605	106
											408,113
											8,610

NAMES OF CHARGES

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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS	RECAPITULATION										RECAPITULATION															
	(a) Public Education					(b) Children's Education					Woman's Foreign Society					Woman's Home Missionary Society					Total Other Benevolent Collections					
Athens District.....	640	22	136	8	23	19	125	112	27	6	5	15	18	5	510	53	237	60	1,353	815	2,168					
Chattanooga District.....	911	240	168	14	42	1	36	258	1,296	5	70	7	31	2	..	59	..	8,306	75	261	78	1,931				
Clinton District.....	322	47	53	14	..	10	33	48	17	..	16	12	..	10	..	13	77	4	243	21	89	40	653			
Greeneville District.....	488	250	77	12	14	15	11	87	26	19	5	18	20	12	14	10	10	11	34	..	31	38	73	41	901	
Knoxville District.....	1,499	....	253	..	69	..	45	365	105	32	4,668	29	6	45	2	..	182	..	78	..	605	106	408	113	2,964
Total	3,860	559	687	34	162	16	121	868	1,587	95	4,684	138	48	118	18	20	627	24	340	4	9,695	293	1,068	332	7,802	
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